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# Sub leaked radioactive water

By KRISTI EATON
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A U.S. Navy nuclear submarine that had visited Saipan for four days in December last year has been found leaking trace amounts of radioactivity for months as it traveled around the Pacific.

The leaking radioactivity was found when the USS *Houston* was undergoing routine maintenance in Hawaii last month, according to an Associated Press report. Officials told AP the amount was "negligible" and "an extremely low level."

While it was docked in Guam, Hawaii and Japan, less than half of a microcurie (0.0000005 curies), was leaked. The amount is less than what is found in a 50-pound bag of lawn and garden fertilizer, officials told AP.

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JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ

Sailors and sea bridge crew secure the USS *Houston* (SSN-713) as it docks on the Saipan harbor for a family trip on Dec. 18, 2007. The 362 -foot-long nuclear-powered attack submarine arrived on Saipan for the third time last year. It is homeported in Apra Harbor, Guam and carries 139 crew headed by its commander, Michael Lewis, and chief of the boat, Paul Sweeney.

# '$5M debt limit for CUC not enough'

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**— CUC executive director Antonio Muña**

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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Although the increase in its debt limit to $5 million is a welcome development for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., it is not enough to effectively run a $100 million operation, according to CUC executive director Antonio Muña.

"For a lot of people $5 million is a lot of money but when you're trying to run a $100-million operation, $5 million is only 5 percent of the working capital," said Muña in an interview with *Saipan Tribune.*

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JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ

The façade of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s Power Plant 1 in Lower Base.

# Study: To sleep better, perchance to live longer

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
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**ON THE NET**

- Sleep: http://www.journalsleep.org
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**WASHINGTON** (AP)— Shakespeare once called sleep the "balm of hurt minds." Bodies, too, apparently. People with the severe form of apnea, which interferes with sleep, are several times more likely to die from any

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# Around the CNMI

## Atalig, Yana free to walk around at new prison

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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Lawyers Antonio Atalig and Reynaldo Yana, who have been in jail for over four months now, are together in an open space housing at the new adult prison in Susupe.

Department of Corrections Commissioner Lino S. Tenorio said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* that Atalig and Yana are in the minimum security section of the new prison, together with other misdemeanor offenders.

Tenorio said Kazuyoshi Miura is confined alone at one end of the building, while the two lawyers are together at the other end with several other housing "pots."

"Atalig and Yana are in one housing pot where it's more of an open area. They are not confined in an individual cell, unlike Miura," he said.

The commissioner said Atalig's and Yana's pot is kind of an open space where they are free to walk around and mingle with other detainees or inmates there.

At the old detention facility, Yana was always seen spending time playing his favorite game—chess—with other detainees.

During a previous interview, Atalig said that Yana taught him how to read the Bible.

Atalig also stated it is impossible to do anything when a person is incarcerated.

"Your freedom is limited [but] the train keeps moving forward up to now," said Atalig, referring to Superior Court judge Kenneth Govendo.

Last March 28, Govendo issued a contempt order against the two lawyers and ordered them to be imprisoned until they return the $1.3 million in attorneys' fees that they received in the Angel Malite estate probate.

On June 16, Govendo continued their detention. He remanded them back to DOC after he found out that the two lawyers failed to return or do something for the return of the $1.3 million.

Govendo suggested that Atalig mortgage his property and told Yana he may ask people whom he had helped before to conduct fundraisings for his release.

Atalig and Yana insisted they could not do anything to return the money considering that they are in prison.

The two's next hearing will be on Aug. 15, 2008.

Last May, Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja also sanctioned the two embattled lawyers to jointly pay a total of $5,900 fine plus $1,000 in judicial costs for their improper conduct in connection with the Malite estate's probate.

**COURTESY VISIT** JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ
Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Saipan Mayor Juan B. Tudela, Buddhist priest Kayaki Kansho and Sachiko Adachi gather for a brief conversation during the Sanpo-en group's courtesy visit at the Governor's office on Capital Hill Wednesday.

## AMP seawall repairs moving forward

By KRISTI EATON
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Although there were not a lot of them, recent comments from community members about the proposed seawall replacement at Smiling Cove Marina were positive, allowing the National Park Service to proceed with their plans at American Memorial Park.

Community members were asked to review the Park Service's environmental assessment for the sheet pile wall and leave comments on the NPS Web site. Although there were not a large number of comments, they were in support of the seawall replacement, AMP Superintendent Sarah Creachbuam said.

"I'm happy that people were happy with the proposed sea wall," Creachbaum added.

Creachbaum said she would have expected more comments if people were not happy with the plan.

"If a lot of people are upset then there is probably a reason why," she added.

But, she said, if there had been concerns they would have been addressed.

Creachbaum said the Park Service is now waiting to meet with other federal collaborators on the project in order to take the next step.

The goal is to have the wall completed by the end of the year, Creachbaum said.

"We're excited to get that wall repaired and have things looking nice out there again," she said.

The government estimates the repair will cost several millions dollars, which AMP applied for from the National Park Service, she said.

## AGO prosecutes 2 in domestic violence

The Attorney General's Office has charged two men for involvement in separate domestic violence incidents on Saipan.

Luis P. Sablan, 38, of As Teo, was charged with criminal mischief, disturbing the peace, and interfering with a domestic violence report.

James Priest, 25, of San Antonio, was charged with assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

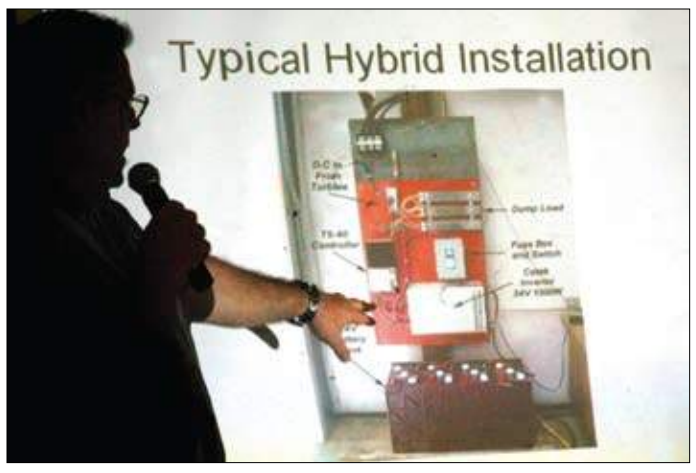
Sablan and Priest were summoned to appear and answer the charges in the Superior Court on Aug. 18, 2008 at 9am.

Chief Prosecutor Kevin Lynch stated in the charging information that on March 27, 2008, Sablan damaged the laptop computer of his wife.

Lynch said Sablan also took out their residential phone line when the victim attempted to call the police to report an alleged domestic violence incident.

In the other case, the chief prosecutor said that on April 18, 2008, Priest pulled a woman out of a vehicle by the hair and left her lying on the ground.

No other details were given. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***




**WIND POWER** JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ
James R. Thomas, president of Windsock Saipan Inc., delivers his presentation on wind turbine generator during the Rotary Club of Saipan regular Tuesday meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Giovanni's restaurant.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

*Editor's Note: The following is subject to change without prior notice. If your business or organization has an upcoming activity that you want included in this section, just email all pertinent details to editor@saipantribune.com or call 235-6397, 235-2440, or 2358747.*

**August 4, 2008 (MON)**
- DEQ meeting in Office on Aging conference room at 11am
- University of Loyola orientation at 6pm

**August 5, 2008 (TUES)**
- Saipan Rotary Club meeting at 11:30am in Hyatt Regency Saipan's Giovanni's

**August 6, 2008 (WED)**
- DEQ Water Operator Training, Aqua Resort Club at 8am-4pm
- University of Loyola orientation at 6pm

**August 7, 2008 (THURS)**
- DEQ meeting at the Office of the Mayor of Tinian at 11am
- Office on Aging meetings for Chamorro conference at 9am
- Garapan Street Market performers 6pm-10pm

**August 8, 2008 (FRI)**
- CHC meeting for SAPTember month at 10am
- DEQ meeting at the Office of the Mayor of Rota at 11am

**August 9, 2008 (SAT)**
- University of Loyola orientation at 10am

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# Man sues in runaway car that caused smashup

An alien worker has filed a lawsuit over the injuries he suffered when an occupied vehicle rolled onto a highway and hit his truck in Chalan Kiya.

Lan Lin sued Juan Iglecias Blas for negligence. Lin's employer and owner of the truck, US-CNMI Development Corp., also joined as co-plaintiff in the lawsuit.

The plaintiffs, through counsel Eric S. Smith, asked the Superior Court to order Blas to pay them past and medical expenses, lost wages, damages, court costs, and attorney's fees.

Smith stated in the complaint that on Dec. 17, 2007, at 8:30pm, Lin was driving his employer's 1997 Nissan truck on Beach Road in Chalan Kiya.

As Lin was traveling north on the highway, an unoccupied blue 1996 Toyota vehicle owned by Blas rolled onto the highway and collided with the truck.

Smith said Blas had told a responding police officer that he had pulled off Beach Road and parked his vehicle at a store. Blas apparently went inside the establishment, but he failed to engage his vehicle's handbrake. While the defendant was inside the store, the vehicle rolled onto the street and collided with plaintiffs' truck.

Smith said the collision of the two vehicles caused substantial damage to Lin's truck.

"Lin sustained painful, permanent, and disabling injuries to his body and was otherwise bruised, cut, lacerated, strained, sprained, and injured," Smith said.

The lawyer said his client was required to undergo medical treatment and was unable to report to work.

"Defendant Blas carelessly and negligently operated and controlled the Toyota, such that it rolled from its position at the market parking area into plaintiffs' truck hitting it with great force and violence, causing the driver injuries, great pain, soreness, and serious shock," Smith added. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

**SESSION BREAK** JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ

Floor Leader Joseph N. Camacho shows a document to Speaker Arnold I. Palacios during a session break at the House chamber on Capital Hill Thursday afternoon.

# Ex-convict who violated probation is facing domestic violence charges

Melvin Nakatsukasa Basa, a man convicted of robbery eight years ago, was sentenced in May to seven months in prison for violating his probation. Now he is facing criminal charges in local court for domestic violence.

The Attorney General's Office on Thursday charged the 36-year-old Basa with disturbing the peace and interfering with a domestic violence report.

Basa was summoned to appear in the Superior Court to answer the charges on Nov. 18 at 9am.

Chief Prosecutor Kevin Lynch stated in the charging information that on April 5, 2008, the defendant disturbed the peace of a woman.

Lynch said that the defendant grabbed the cell phone from the victim as she was attempting to report to police a crime involving domestic violence.

No other details were given.

Last May 30, the federal court revoked Basa's supervised release and sentenced him to seven months in prison.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Alex R. Munson ordered that while in prison, Basa shall participate in a substance abuse program approved by the U.S. Bureau of Prisons.

Upon release from jail, Basa will be placed on 53 months of supervised release.

In her request to revoke the probation, U.S. Probation Officer Margarita Wonenberg stated that, on Feb. 25, 2000, Basa was sentenced to 102 months in prison for the offense of taking a motor vehicle transported in foreign commerce and affecting commerce by robbery.

Wonenberg said the court placed the defendant on five years of probation.

During drug testing on May 19, 2008, Basa tested presumptive positive for "ice" use and he admitted using the drug three days prior to that day.

The probation officer said Basa admitted to using drugs on at least five occasions.

Wonenberg said that on May 20, 2008, Basa's girlfriend obtained a temporary restraining order against him for allegedly beating her and slapping her daughter. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

# Counselor for veterans, families visiting this month

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A counselor from the Guam Veterans Center office will be on island for three days later this month to counsel soldiers and family members.

Ruth Coleman, executive director for the Office of Military and Veterans Affairs, said it's important family members have an outlet to discuss and share what they are going through.

"One parent is left to hold a candle burning to take care of the family. It can be stressful," she said

Children of soldiers are also invited to speak with the counselor.

"There are a lot of issues, too, for children," she said.

Although no concrete dates have been set for the counselor's arrival, it will be in mid-August, Coleman said. Those interested will be able to make an appointment or walk in. One day will be dedicated to a mass briefing.

Counselors from Guam have been coming to the island every month since April, she said.

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As of Saturday, the CNMI's Governor's Office has not been notified about anything, press secretary Charles Reyes said.

Guam Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo released a statement Saturday, saying officials from the Naval Reactors Office in Washington, D.C., contacted her Friday about the leak.

"I was informed that the leakage may have gone undetected for over a five-month period and that the leak was discovered during a scheduled overhaul," she said. "I have been informed that the amount of leakage was at a negligible level, but I remain concerned about this news. I have asked for officials to brief me about this matter in greater detail as soon as possible."

Bordallo said she would continue to work with the Navy to ensure a thorough review is conducted on the leak.

"We want all the facts to be known so that we can ensure that there has been no harm to the residents of Guam, danger to the crew, or damage to the environment," she said.

The leak was discovered July 17 when the Los-Angeles class fast track sub was docked in Hawaii. A buildup of leaking water popped a valve, pouring water onto a sailor's leg, a CNN report said. Water from a valve was slowly dripping from the submarine's nuclear power plant, although the water did not make contact with the nuclear reactor. The sailor tested negative for radiation.

The Navy notified the Japanese government the sub might have been leaking while it was in port in Sasebo, Japan, in March.

Angelo Villagomez, a community member active in environmental organizations, said he expects more cases like this will arise with the U.S. military buildup in Guam and the CNMI.

"I hope the military in CNMI mitigate those problems and future problems," he said.

But, Villagomez said, he does not want the incident to stop other ships from docking here.

"The [CNMI] wants those ships to come here because they offer great economic benefits," he said. "They pump thousands of dollars into our economy when they stop here."

The *Houston* is based at Apra Harbor in the U.S. territory of Guam in the Western Pacific.

It visited a U.S. naval base in Sasebo, Japan, in late March, and then stopped in Guam from late May to mid-June. The submarine sat in Pearl Harbor for about three weeks before it was dry-docked in mid-July. ***(With AP and CNN)***

## *Japan warned by US Navy of possible leak*

By MARI YAMAGUCHI
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

**TOKYO** (AP)—The U.S. Navy has warned Japan that a nuclear submarine may have had radioactive leaks during recent calls in two of its southern ports.

The U.S. says the amount of radioactive water leaked was negligible, but the news could cause a stir in Japan, where both the U.S. military presence and its nuclear vessels are controversial.

Japan's Foreign Ministry said Saturday that the U.S. Navy had told it that the nuclear-powered USS *Houston* submarine might have leaked a small amount of radiation during port calls in the southern Japanese naval ports of Sasebo and Okinawa in March and April.

Sasebo city official Akihiro Yoshida said government monitoring during the submarine's calls showed no abnormal increase of radioactivity in the area's waters at the time.

"Still, we are rather concerned," Yoshida said.

News of the leak comes just weeks ahead of the controversial arrival of nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS *George Washington*'s in Yokosuka, just south of Tokyo.

The carrier's arrival was originally set for August under a Japan-U.S. security alliance, but it is being delayed until late September because of a fire aboard the vessel in May. The *George Washington* is relieving the soon-to-be decommissioned USS *Kitty Hawk*, and will be the first U.S. Navy nuclear-powered vessel to station permanently in Japan.

The *George Washington*'s upcoming deployment had already triggered protests, and the fire escalated concerns many Japanese have about nuclear power.

Masahiko Goto, a lawyer representing a citizens' group opposing the *George Washington*'s deployment in Yokosuka, sharply criticized the U.S. Navy for withholding information about submarine leak.

"They had discovered the radiation leak weeks ago and did not inform the Japanese government immediately," Goto said in a statement.

"The U.S. Navy's handling of the accident and lack of transparency showed there is no way we can trust them," he said.

In Japan, the only country to have suffered atomic bombings, many people are sensitive about military use of nuclear technology and the presence of American forces. The U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945 killed at least 200,000.

In Honolulu, U.S. Pacific Fleet spokesman Capt. Scott Gureck said Friday that the total amount of radioactivity released into the environment from the USS *Houston* at each stop was less than one half a microcurie—a negligible amount equivalent to the radioactivity of a 50-pound (22-kilogram) bag of fertilizer.

The Navy discovered the leak July 17 when a gallon of water spilled on a shipyard worker's leg from a valve while the submarine was in dry dock for routine maintenance at Pearl Harbor.

An investigation showed water may have been slowly leaking from the valve since March as the Los Angeles-class submarine traveled around the Pacific. But the Japanese Foreign Ministry said it was not known how long the USS *Houston* had been leaking the cooling water.

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## 'Lifting of debt cap to $5 million not enough'

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He pointed out that CUC is dealing with increasing fuel costs and trying to pay accumulated past dues.

"Five million dollars is not going to do it," the CUC official stressed. "What's I'm concerned with is that it's not anywhere close to what we're going to need at the end of the day."

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial issued an executive order on July 25 that removes the requirement for any CUC debt over $500,000 to be approved by the Legislature. The order would allow the utility agency to borrow an unlimited amount of money without going through the legislative process.

Fitial issued another executive order last Wednesday that amended the first executive order. The new version would allow CUC to borrow up to $5 million without first obtaining legislative consent.

Asked for comment about the $5 million debt cap, Muña said for sure it is an improvement from the half a million dollars.

"But at the same time, the reality of the situation with respect to what CUC requires in terms of debt [is that] everybody has to look at what's in CUC's books—what is required to bring CUC as far as fixing the financial foundation and come to terms of the reality of what that is," Muña said.

He said he is afraid of a situation where, as CUC deals with certain banks or institutions and they get approval from that bank or institutions, that the due diligence effort that bank may have already done with respect to what CUC applied for will be duplicated again in the Legislature, which may not be necessary anymore.

Muña said as they make their report to the Public Utilities Commission or to the Legislature, there should be quick review and approval.

## STUDY

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cause than are folks without the disorder, researchers report in Friday's edition of the journal Sleep.

The findings in the 18-year study confirm smaller studies that have indicated an increased risk of death for people with apnea, also known as sleep-disordered breathing.

"This is not a condition that kills you acutely. It is a condition that erodes your health over time," Dr. Michael J. Twery, director of the National Center on Sleep Disorders Research, said in a telephone interview.

People with such disorders "have been sleep deprived for perhaps very long periods of time, they are struggling to sleep. If this is happening night after night, week after week, on top of all our other schedules, this is a dangerous recipe," said Twery, whose center is part of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

The institute estimates that 12 million to 18 million people in the U.S. have moderate to severe apnea. The condition is not always detected because the sufferer is asleep when the problem occurs and it cannot be diagnosed during a routine office visit with a doctor. Researchers tested the patients for sleep-disordered breathing in the laboratory and then followed them over several years.

For people with apnea, their upper airway becomes narrowed or blocked periodically during sleep. That keeps air from reaching the lungs. In some cases, breathing stops for seconds to a minute or so; the pauses in breathing disrupt sleep and prevent adequate amounts of oxygen from entering the bloodstream.

"When you stop breathing in your sleep you don't know it, it doesn't typically wake you up," Twery said. Instead, it can move a person from deep sleep to light sleep, when breathing resumes. But the overall sleep pattern is disturbed, and it can happen hundreds of times a night.

He said that a person typically will have four or five cycles per night of light sleep, deep sleep and REM (rapid eye movement) sleep, when most dreams occur. More deep sleep comes early in the night with more REM sleep closer to waking up. This pattern helps control hormones, metabolism and levels of stress.

The institute, part of the National Institutes of Health, says apnea has been linked to a greater risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, stroke, diabetes and excessive daytime sleepiness.

In the new report, the Wisconsin Sleep Cohort followed 1,522 men and women, ages 30 to 60. The annual death rate was 2.85 per 1,000 people per year for people without sleep apnea.

People with mild and moderate apnea had death rates of 5.54 and 5.42 per 1,000, respectively, and people with severe apnea had a rate of 14.6, researchers said.

Cardiovascular mortality accounted for 26 percent of all deaths among people without apnea and 42 percent of the deaths among people with severe apnea, according to the researchers led by Terry Young of the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

In the same issue of the journal Sleep, a separate study of 380 adults between 40 and 65 in Australia came to a similar conclusion. This study found that after 14 years, about 33 percent of participants with moderate to severe sleep apnea had died, compared with 6.5 percent of people with mild apnea and 7.7 percent of people without apnea.

# Apatang seeks to allow PSS to loan $20M

A lawmaker has proposed allowing the Public School System to borrow up to $20 million for construction projects.

Rep. David Apatang on Thursday introduced a House joint resolution authorizing public borrowing for the construction of gymnasiums at five high schools, classroom renovations, and other capital improvement projects.

To be adopted, the resolution must be approved by two-thirds of the members in each house of the Legislature.

The proposed bond will fund the building of new gymnasiums at Saipan Southern High School, Kagman High School, Hopwood Junior High School, Rota High School, and Tinian Jr./Sr. High School, as well other unidentified school-related capital improvement projects.

Apatang

The resolution limits the range of allowable interest rate to 4 percent to 5.5 percent each year, and the term of repayment to 15 years. The bond will be repaid by the central government.

The construction of new gymnasiums is part of PSS' seven-year capital improvement plan. The CIP plan encompasses PSS' high priority school facility needs from school year 2004-05 to school year 2011-12. It was drafted in anticipation of continued increase in student population.

In 1999, PSS floated a $16-million general obligation bond also for capital improvement projects at the schools. PSS is expected to make the final payment to bondholders at the end of the current fiscal year. ***(Agnes E. Donato)***

**HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATE** JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ

Human rights advocate Wendy Doromal talks to parents of U.S. citizen children during a gathering at the Kilili Beach pavilion late Wednesday afternoon. Doromal has urged alien workers to speak out for their political rights and that of their children.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### NMC to offer NCLEX classes

The Northern Marianas College will offer a preparatory class for the National Council Licensure Examination. The course is sponsored by NMC's Area Health Education Center.

Candidates in the CNMI and in the U.S. mainland must pass the NCLEX to become licensed nurses.

The NCLEX classes will begin on Aug. 11, 2008. Those interested in enrolling in the class must register on or before Aug. 5, 2008 by contacting the AHEC Office at 234-5498, ext. 1010 or 1019.

For more information, contact David Apatang at the same number or stop by the Community Development Institute Office in Building P at NMC's As Terlaje Campus. ***(PR)***

### Public meetings for FAS citizens, other issues

The Coalition of United Workers (NMI) is organizing a series of meetings and is inviting the public to attend these meetings:

■ If you are a FAS citizen who has an alien spouse, please attend a meeting on Aug. 5 at 9:30am at Kilili Pavillion.

■ If you have not received your federal stimulus check or have questions about the stimulus check you received, please attend a meeting on Aug. 5, 7pm at American Memorial Park.

"Important issues will be discussed so we are encouraging interested parties to attend," said Coalition president Irene Tantiado. ***(PR)***

### Live fire training on FDM

The U.S. military will be conducting live fire training on the northern island of Farallon de Mendenilla from Aug. 4 through Aug. 8, between 8am and 7pm.

Due to the danger imposed by this activity, the Emergency Management Office advises the public— especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators—to avoid the Farallon de Mendenilla Training Area on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

Any questions should be directed to the EMO Operations Section at 322-9528 and 322-9529, VHF MARINE CHNL 16 and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0. ***(EMO)***

### NMC CREES seeking summer interns

The Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service will offer 18 paid internship positions in its agriculture and family consumer science divisions.

The internships, which will last from Aug. 4 to Aug. 29, 2008, will provide students with excellent work experience and hands-on training through the interns' active involvement in different projects. There are eight research lab assistant positions and ten extension assistant positions available.

The internships are open to incoming high school juniors and seniors for school year 2008-2009. Interested applicants must submit a two-page application form, have an interest in the fields of agriculture and family consumer science and a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Application forms can be picked up from the CREES Office at the NMC As Terlaje Campus in Building F, or from the Tinian and Rota NMC Offices. For more information, please call the CREES Office at 234-5498 Ext 1705. ***(CREES)***

### DEQ hosting storage tank meetings

The Division of Environmental Quality is asking the public to attend a series of meetings across the CNMI to learn more about historical land use and underground storage tanks on Saipan, Tinian and Rota, and ultimately close them in an environmentally friendly manner.

DEQ is conducing a site survey on the three islands to identify locations of tanks that may be contaminated or have possible leaks. The department is seeking also to gather information from the public about potential storage tanks and land use storage tanks.

The department is looking for sites of fuel dispensing facilities or former gasoline stations. The sites may have been abandoned or redeveloped years ago.

Duenas & Associates, Inc. will conduct the survey.

The meetings are as followed:

■ Saipan-Monday at 11 a.m. in the Office on Aging Conference room

■ Tinian-Thursday, Aug. 7, at 11 a.m. in the Office of the Mayor Conference room

■ Rota-Friday, Aug. 8, at 11 a.m. in the Office of the Mayor Conference room

### NMC English Placement Test

The Northern Marianas College will conduct an English placement test on the following days:

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## EDITORIAL

# Where's the air support?

The list of countries responsible for the humanitarian crisis in Darfur is a long one, topped by the repressive government of Sudan but including such players as China, whose purchase of Sudanese oil keeps the Khartoum regime afloat, and Russia, which consistently blocks attempts to impose sanctions. Less frequently mentioned are those nations that are aware of the ongoing genocide but turn away when asked to do anything about it. A new report will make it harder for them to hide.

The United Nations' peacekeeping mission in Darfur is foundering. The force is ill-equipped, dangerously undermanned and mostly ineffective at protecting civilians from a motley collection of roving militias, Sudanese soldiers, rebels and bandits. But perhaps most problematic is the mission's lack of helicopters, which are desperately needed to effectively patrol a region the size of France.

Although the U.N. has requested 18 helicopters, not a single member nation has agreed to contribute. That makes it tough to evacuate casualties or respond rapidly to threats, such as the July 8 attack on U.N. forces that left seven peacekeepers dead.

After crying out about the dearth of helicopters to no avail, a group of nongovernmental organizations focused on Darfur has decided to try a bit of public shaming. A report introduced by the Elders, the do-gooding elder statesmen led by former President Carter and crusading South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, has identified precisely how many surplus helicopters various U.N. member states own that would be appropriate for deployment to Darfur. The hall of shame for countries failing to live up to their humanitarian obligations includes India (with 20 available), Ukraine, the Czech Republic, Italy, Romania and Spain; between them, these countries could supply more than 70 helicopters.

Though the report found that the United States would be capable of sending up to 30 choppers, this country already has pressing commitments in Iraq and Afghanistan; moreover, it's widely believed that a U.S. contribution would be politically incendiary, adding fuel to Sudanese President Omar Hassan Ahmed Bashir's attempts to characterize the international response to Darfur as a U.S.-led neocolonial crusade.

That puts the onus on emerging countries that aren't accustomed to taking a leadership role in international crises. Yet, if the likes of India and Ukraine want to be taken seriously as responsible members of the community of nations, they need to start acting as if they are.

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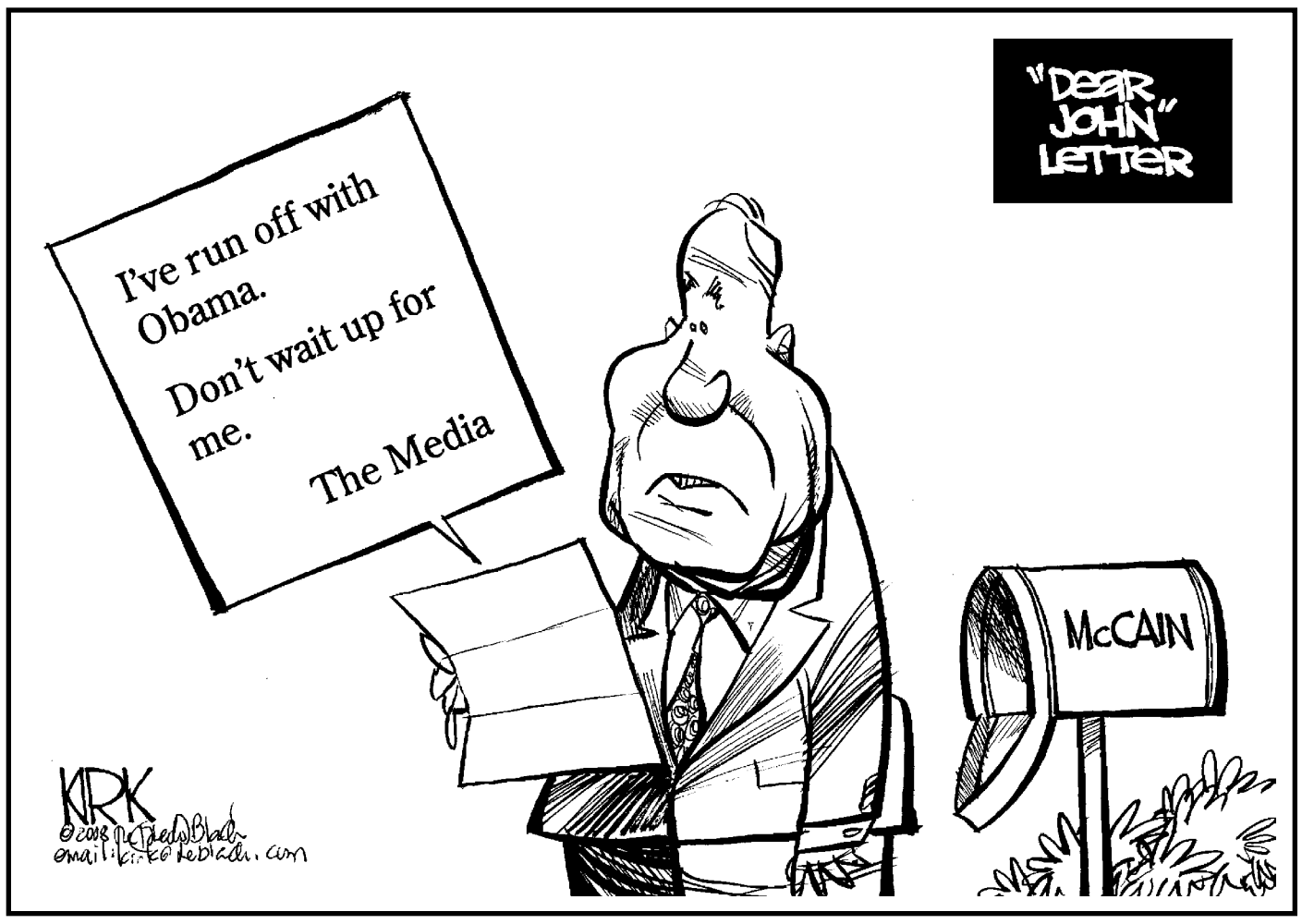


# Who should solve this Internet crisis?

**By ROBERT M. MCDOWELL**
*Special to* The Washington Post

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The Internet was in crisis. Its electronic "pipes" were clogged with new bandwidth-hogging software. Engineers faced a choice: Allow the Net to succumb to fatal gridlock or find a solution.

The year was 1987. About 35,000 people, mainly academics and some government employees, used the Internet.

This story, of course, had a happy ending. The loosely knit Internet engineering community rallied to improve an automated data "traffic cop" that prioritized applications and content needing "real time" delivery over those that would not suffer from delay. Their efforts unclogged the Internet and laid the foundation for what has become the greatest deregulatory success story of all time.

The Internet has since weathered several such crises. Each time, engineers, academics, software developers, Web infrastructure builders and others have worked together to fix the problems. Over the years, some groups have become more formalized—such as the Internet Society, the Internet Engineering Task Force and the Internet Architecture Board. They have remained largely self-governing, self-funded and nonprofit, with volunteers acting on their own and not on behalf of their employers. No government owns or regulates them.

The Internet has flourished because it has operated under the principle that engineers, not politicians or bureaucrats, should solve engineering problems.

Today, a new challenge is upon us. Pipes are filling rapidly with "peer-to-peer" ("P2P") file-sharing applications that crowd out other content and slow speeds for millions. Just as Napster produced an explosion of shared (largely pirated) music files in 1999, today's P2P applications allow consumers to share movies. P2P providers store movies on users' home and office computers to avoid building huge "server farms" of giant computers for this bandwidth-intensive data. When consumers download these videos, they call on thousands of computers across the Web to upload each of their small pieces. As a result, some consumers' "last-mile" connections, especially connections over cable and wireless networks, get clogged. These electronic traffic jams slow the Internet for most consumers, a majority of whom do not use P2P software to watch videos or surf the Web.

At peak times, 5 percent of Internet consumers are using 90 percent of the available bandwidth because of the P2P explosion. This flood of data has created a tyranny by a minority. Slower speeds degrade the quality of the service that consumers have paid for and ultimately diminish America's competitiveness globally.

While we at the Federal Communications Commission are trying to spur more competitive build-out of vital "last mile" facilities, especially fiber and wireless platforms, this congestion will not be resolved merely by building fatter and faster pipes.

Last summer, a new nongovernmental organization, the P4P Working Group, was formed to find a solution. The group has already field-tested dramatically increased delivery speeds of P2P content over cable networks (up 235 percent) and other networks (up 898 percent in some cases). It is working with industry and consumers to create a "P2P Bill of Rights and Responsibilities."

Such dynamic work is progressing without a government mandate or regulatory framework. Soon, however, that could change.

Since the fall, the FCC has been considering allegations filed by public interest groups that cable operator Comcast violated FCC rules by "managing" or "interfering with" the upstream flow of certain P2P video applications, namely those of a company called BitTorrent. The allegations boil down to a suspicion that Comcast was motivated not by a need to manage its network but by a desire to discriminate against BitTorrent for anticompetitive reasons. Comcast maintains that any interference was imperceptible to consumers, occurred in minuscule amounts of time, and was limited to peak congestion periods and areas. Comcast and BitTorrent settled their dispute in March; in fact, they issued a statement saying in part that "these technical issues can be worked out through private business discussions without the need for government intervention."

Despite this settlement, some are calling for the FCC to rule that Comcast's actions were illegal and should be punished. Others contend that the FCC has no enforceable rules that apply to such situations and that the issue should be addressed through a rule-making proceeding, with an opportunity for public comment, or through congressional legislation. We have examined the arguments on both sides and are poised to decide the matter this week. But regardless of what that ruling stipulates, the issue of what constitutes appropriate Internet network management will be debated for some time.

Our Internet economy is the strongest in the world. It got that way not by government fiat but because interested parties worked together toward a common goal. As a worldwide network of networks, the Internet is the ultimate "wiki" environment—one that we all share, build, pay for and shape. Millions endeavor each day to keep it open and free. Since its early days as a government creation, it has migrated away from government regulation.

If we choose regulation over collaboration, we will be setting a precedent by thrusting politicians and bureaucrats into engineering decisions. Another concern is that as an institution, the FCC is incapable of deciding any issue in the nanoseconds that make up Internet time. And asking government to make these decisions could mean that every few years the ground rules would change based on election results. The Internet might grind to a halt in such a climate. It would certainly die of clogged arteries if network owners had to seek government permission before serving their customers by managing surges of information flow.

A better model would allow collaborative groups to continue to do what they have done for years. If they can't reach an agree-

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# Micronesia's hometown airline no more

**By JAIME VERGARA**
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It was with a bit of tongue-in-cheek that I wrote "Celebrating the De-Launching of CO 890" two weeks ago. I first moved to the Marshall Islands in 1982, and since Air Mike had the monopoly on the route from Honolulu to Koror and Saipan, priding itself as the hometown airline of Micronesia, I had always been partial to the "old blue on the planet" logo of its parent company, Continental Airlines.

You see, I went with my wife and two daughters to the Yokwe Atolls as a volunteer member of the Ecumenical Institute of Chicago, and its secular arm, the Institute of Cultural Affairs. As part of a family ecumenical religious Order experiment, for our monastic habit we wore blue. Old-timers in the region still remember a brief period in the late '70s and early '80s when members of a group known as the Blue Shirts promoted a highly participatory and community level asset-based human development methodology. In the highly stratified social classes of Micronesia, raising the flag for equal rights and equal responsibility did not often find welcome mats in homes and offices. We even bedeviled the likes of the old Micronesian Legislature on Saipan.

In Majuro, we pushed one and all to look at the global trends and imagine its manifestations and implications in the local economy. We encouraged the political process to have the local vision and aspiration to be more assertive of its prerogatives and empowering of its rights. We promoted the role of the indigenous culture in defining its critical and crucial role in socioeconomic development and political formation. For travels within, to and from the region, we got familiar with Air Mike. In Majuro in the early '80s, the arrivals and departures of flights twice a week even at midnight drew crowds not only of well-wishers but also of gawkers. The CO birds' comings and goings was the only show in town and along the pearly shells.

We dissipated as a centrally operated group in '86 and dispersed into separate but connected thousand sparkles of lights.

Thus, I felt privileged to have chanced being on the last direct flight of Air Mike to Manila three Wednesday back, and I thought that this valedictory flight would have, at least, included a complimentary drink, or something symbolic, from the company to the passengers, particularly those who will be "disenfranchised" by the discontinuance of the route.

Alas, the only fanfare was at Saipan's Francisco C. Ada International Airport where MCV's newscaster and the camera person were on hand to digitize the remarks of a few of the passengers on the closing out flight for aircast on the following day's nightly news.

On board the retiring flight, I dropped a few hints about a possible Captain's complimentary drink to no avail. I could not even finagle a full can of Bloody Mary mix from the stewards, let alone a jigger of vodka!

So I soldiered on and went about my business preparing the agenda of why I was on the flight to begin with—the almost two-week tour of the land of my birth. The sojourn went fast and full enough that it merited a few reflections, some of which saw print in the pages of this paper.

It was the return flight that was a dismal experience. I was returning on a milk run through Koror, Yap and Guam before arriving on the land that once hosted the shadows of the Enola Gay and unknowingly birthed the Little Boy that devastated the Nippon city of Hiroshima.

I had never been to Koror and Yap so I was looking forward to setting sights on these island outcroppings this side of the Pacific Ocean. To my disappointment, we were not even allowed to set foot on Belau's famed greeneries. What used to be just ordinary pillow puffing and general housekeeping on the plane has become a homeland security routine where transit passengers take their belongings and move to one side of the plane while airline or airport ground personnel secure one side of the plane to make sure no incendiary devices were left behind by deplaning passengers. (Presumably, suicidal passengers who might detonate their body and soul to the glory of Allah do not frequent this route.) The process is repeated on the other side of the plane.

Transit time is 45 minutes, sufficient enough to be able to get off and on board again while security measures are applied on board the plane. In fact, this was what happened to the next stop in Yap. Half of the passengers, occupants of seats A, B, and C, to be exact, were instructed to deplane with their belongings so that housekeeping/security folks can come on board and replay the routine in Koror.

Those of us on seats A, B, and C, who were told to deplane were herded to the departure lounge at the airport, where the local departing passengers are already waiting out their call to board on a standing-room only accommodation. The Visitors' Bureau of both stops might consider getting passengers off quickly to an airport curio shop to occupy transit passengers and whet the travelers' appetite to turn tourists the next time.

In Yap, like any other location these days, everyone seems to be economizing on the cost of fuel by limiting the use of air-conditioning. In fact, the departure waiting lounge had the aircon turned off, and the doors shut. Now, we are in a tropical island with swaying palm trees and ever circulating winds but someone chose to inflict the wonders of stale air upon more than six-dozen passengers, half of whom were teenagers from Japan on an exchange program. Thank God for the vaunted Nippon school discipline. Were these students from the CNMI PSS, I might actually appreciate GWB's homeland security cops! Coming down to the departure lounge proved to be less of an improvement over waiting on hold on board the plane while housekeeping did their chores.

Besides, when the waiting passengers were finally asked to board, the transit passengers with their carryon luggage were not the first to be called as I expected from previous experience in similar situations elsewhere. Instead, the First/Business class folks were asked to go first, and noticing the mwar-wearing officious-looking departees, I guess, we had some departing heavyweights in the crowd.

Such transit time is not uncommon. For 15 minutes more, transiting passengers in Nagoya usually have that much time to clear security again, and change planes, or board the same one at another gate. Usually, there's even time to grab a Bloody Mary and a plate of sushi from the JAL VIP lounge.

Some seven hours later, after leaving Manila after 11am, we finally made Guam. There was a five-hour wait for the next flight to Saipan so I readied my laptop and was set to lounge at the food court near the Duty Free shops at the Won Pat International Airport. It was not to be. GWB's homeland security forces staffed the connecting door from Immigration to the airport's waiting lounge. We had arrived and cleared immigration too late. The troops closed shop at 9pm and were not to return until half an hour after midnight.

OK, I said to the CO ground personnel. There was a five-hour wait and what would you recommend we do, I asked along with a few connecting passengers who had more hours to wait than I. Up to you, came the reply. You can leave the building or find a corner and rest. I was dumbfounded. I was tempted to ask: Have you ever heard of customer service, but I was afraid to hear what I heard elsewhere before: Oh, that's another department, sir!

Well, you guessed it. It was nighttime and the sun was down so someone decided to economize on the aircon. We were back to stale air. Nothing within walking distance is close to the airport and if you had been waiting at three airports since the morning, one is not inclined to be adventurous in unknown territory in the middle of the night when all one wanted was a cup of coffee, some cool circulating air, and some peace and quiet.

Continental Airlines as Air Micronesia is celebrating its 40th year as the hometown airline of Micronesia. This is not to denounce the whole airline. A recent press release listed a few awards garnered by the company this year in providing service to its clientele, and I do not doubt that those awards were well deserved. But on CO 892 from Manila to Guam and on to Saipan, this passenger did not experience being cared for one iota, and of what Continental Airlines has wrought on Saipan of late, to this passenger, CO is the hometown airline of Micronesia no more!

# 'The One'? Take a number, Sen. Obama

*Neo: What is happening to me?*
*Morpheus: You are the One, Neo.*
— "The Matrix"

**By DAVID MONTGOMERY**
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*Montgomery, a* Washington Post *reporter, has never, ever been mistaken for the One. Never.*

Wags in John McCain's camp reportedly have taken to referring to Barack Obama as "the One."

It's a sendup of the messianic devotion the Obamanauts sometimes display—the huge crowds, the tears, the soaring hopes, the rapturous chanting of "O-ba-ma!" and "Yes we can!"

Ha-ha. Next, Obama's going to don a full-length black coat, like Keanu Reeves' Neo in the 1999 film, and start jumping really high in the process of saving mankind.

It's a smart bit of political jujitsu by the McCainiacs. Try to turn an opponent's potential strength into a potential weakness. Have they concluded their guy may become the next president, but he'll never be the One?

There have been so many Ones. The human imagination seems inclined to think in terms of them: King Arthur, Superman, Anakin Skywalker (or Luke, depending on your cosmology), Bobby Kennedy, John Galt, the Who's Tommy, Frodo, Bob Dylan, Siegfried, Harry Potter, Mighty Mouse, Godot, Joe Gibbs, Storm, Wonder Woman.

The One is the one who has the Answer. He will fix a fallen world. He will bring ... change we can believe in.

The One is usually young, and he speaks inspiringly. A second coming is nice but not always advisable. (See Gibbs, Joe.)

Being the One means passing lots of tests, because at first no one believes in you. King Arthur had to pull Excalibur out of the stone to prove he was the One. Being the One means being tempted by your dark side. Anakin Skywalker succumbed—the One can be fallible, if not always human—transmogrified into Darth Vader, and only at the end managed to sort of live up to Obi-Wan's anguished declaration: "You were the chosen one! It was said that you would ... bring balance to the Force!"

Being the One means conquering doubt about one's powers.

*Neo: I'm not the One.*
*Oracle: Sorry, kid. You got the gift, but it looks like you're waiting for something.*
*Neo: What?*
*Oracle: Your next life maybe. Who knows? That's the way these things go.*

Perhaps inevitably, being the One means letting down some of your followers. The Who's Tommy—the "deaf, dumb and blind kid" who "sure plays a mean pinball"—is idolized and then abandoned by the followers he tries to enlighten.

Obama plays a mean basketball. He has been tested, overcome doubts. If some of his true believers have placed outsize faith in him, he can't be blamed. After all, he slew the two-headed beast called Billary.

Sometimes he seems to playfully encourage his image as the One. Before the New Hampshire primary, he joked to an audience, "I am going to try to be so persuasive in the next 20 minutes or so that a light is going to shine down from the ceiling. ... You will experience an epiphany. You will say to yourself, `I have to vote for Barack.' "

He told House Democrats this week, "This is the moment ... that the world is waiting for," our colleague Dana Milbank reported.

Also this week, the Obama campaign sent out an e-mail in the name of Michelle Obama to invite folks to contribute money for a chance to be among 10 lucky supporters who will get to "go backstage with Barack" at the Democratic convention in Denver, as if he were that special kind of One: the rock star.

But no, he is just a politician. So is John McCain. But one talks more like the One than the other one.

*I'm asking you to believe. Not just in my ability to bring about real change in Washington. ... I'm asking you to believe in yours.*
—Barack Obama

*I know that you're afraid. ... You're afraid of change. I don't know the future. I didn't come here to tell you how this is going to end. I came here to tell you how it's going to begin. ... A world without rules and controls, without borders or boundaries. A world where anything is possible.*
—Neo

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ment—which has never happened—then government could examine the situation and act accordingly. Sometimes shining sunlight on issues produces amazingly beneficial effects, and the public interest groups that raised the BitTorrent matter should be praised for doing so. Yet before venturing into the unknown, we should remember something President Clinton said in 1997: "Governments should encourage industry self-regulation wherever appropriate and support the efforts of private-sector organizations to ... facilitate the successful operation of the Internet." What we do, or don't do, will affect tomorrow's networks. Let's stick with what works and encourage collaboration over regulation.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. |
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## Micronesia

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|---|---|---|---|
| Guam and Rota | Mostly Cloudy | ▲86 | ▼76 |
| Palau | Thunderstorms | ▲85 | ▼78 |
| Yap | Thunderstorms | ▲84 | ▼76 |
| Chuuk | Thunderstorms | ▲87 | ▼78 |
| Pohnpei | Thunderstorms | ▲86 | ▼72 |
| Kosrae | Thunderstorms | ▲87 | ▼75 |
| Majuro | Thunderstorms | ▲83 | ▼74 |

## Around The Globe

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|---|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Thunderstorms | ▲57 | ▼50 |
| Beijing | Sunny | ▲97 | ▼70 |
| Hong Kong | Cloudy | ▲91 | ▼79 |
| Honolulu | Partly Sunny | ▲85 | ▼76 |
| London | Partly Sunny | ▲73 | ▼54 |
| Los Angeles | Cloudy | ▲82 | ▼64 |
| Manila | Thundershowers | ▲88 | ▼79 |
| Melbourne | Cloudy | ▲59 | ▼47 |
| Miami | Thundershowers | ▲90 | ▼78 |
| New York | Partly Sunny | ▲85 | ▼70 |
| Osaka | Partly Sunny | ▲92 | ▼78 |
| Paris | Showers | ▲78 | ▼57 |
| Pusan | Mostly Cloudy | ▲89 | ▼74 |
| Rome | Sunny | ▲89 | ▼66 |
| Salem | Partly Sunny | ▲77 | ▼50 |
| San Francisco | Cloudy | ▲68 | ▼54 |
| Seoul | Cloudy | ▲86 | ▼70 |
| Tokyo | Partly Sunny | ▲93 | ▼79 |
| Washington, DC | Mostly Sunny | ▲90 | ▼72 |

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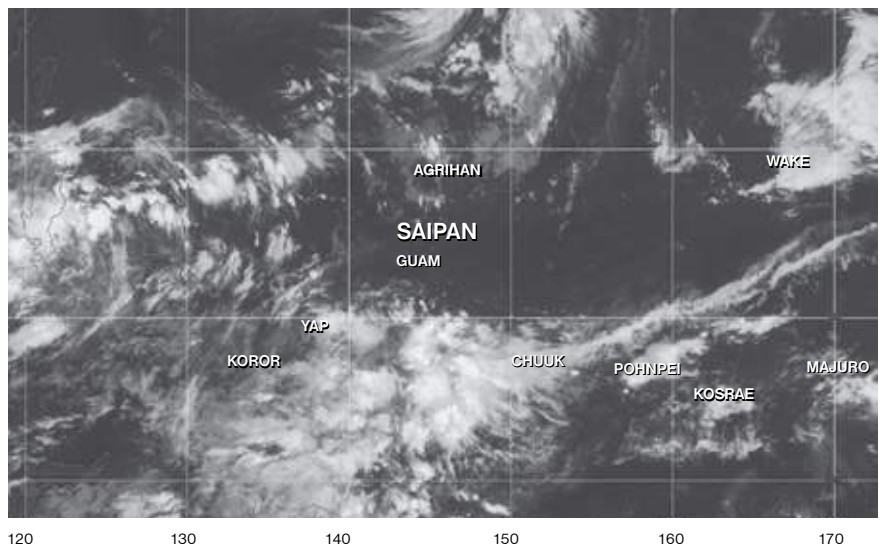


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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends southeastward from a weak circulation centered northwest of Koror at 10N130E to end at EQ140E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring along the trough axis southeast of Koror and Yap or south of a line from 7N141E to EQ146E and north of the axis north of Yap between 11N and 16N from 130E to 140E. A surface trough runs northward from 5N140E to 17N143E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found near the southern branch of the trough south of Guam between 1N and 11N from 144E to 150E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over a large area from Chuuk eastward to Kwajalein including Pohnpei and Kosrae. This area is within 200 miles of a line from 6N150E to 4N160E to 8N169E. Another surface trough reaches northeastward from EQ174E to 5N178E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with this feature are forming over Majuro and southeastward to the dateline within 120 miles of a line from 7N171E to 3N180. An upper-level low is centered northeast of Wake Island near 25N170E. Upper-level divergence is enhancing the formation of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over Wake Island or north of a line from 16N160E to 21N178E.

## Tides

| Saipan Harbor | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2:59AM Today | Low Tide: | 1.0 Feet |
| 8:03AM Today | High Tide: | 2.0 Feet |
| 3:15PM Today | Low Tide: | 0.3 Feet |
| 9:55PM Today | High Tide: | 2.0 Feet |

## Sunrise/Sunset

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|---|---|---|
| Today | 6:00AM | 6:46 PM |
| Monday | 6:00AM | 6:46 PM |
| Tuesday | 6:00AM | 6:45 PM |
| Wednesday | 6:01AM | 6:45 PM |
| Thursday | 6:01AM | 6:45 PM |

## Moonrise/Moonset

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| Today | 7:27AM | 8:09PM |
| Monday | 8:21AM | 8:48PM |
| Tuesday | 9:13AM | 9:25PM |
| Wednesday | 10:03AM | 10:01PM |
| Thursday | 10:53AM | 10:39PM |

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 18, 2008

### DEPARTURES

**Saipan-Rota**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO 9313 | 8:30am | 9:05am | 3,4,7 |

**Saipan-Guam**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO9317 | 4:00am | 4:50am | Daily |
| CO9597 | 8:30am | 9:20am | 1,2,5,6 |
| CO9313 | 8:30am | 10:00am | 3,4,7 via Rota |
| CO9601 | 12:30pm | 1:20pm | Daily |
| CO9603 | 3:30pm | 4:20pm | Daily |
| CO9605 | 6:30pm | 7:20pm | Daily |
| CO9599 | 9:30pm | 10:20pm | Daily |

**Saipan-Narita**

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|---|---|---|---|
| NW 099 | 5:00am | 7:40am | Daily |
| NW 078 | 8:55am | 2:00pm | Daily |
| NW 075 | 4:45pm | 7:25pm | Daily |

**Saipan-Osaka**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| NW 083 | 4:20pm | 7:05pm | Daily |

**Saipan-Nagoya**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| NW 078 | 8:55am | 11:35am | Daily |

**Saipan-Seoul**

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|---|---|---|---|
| OZ 604 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ 604 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2,3,4,5,6,7 |
| OZ 606 | 3:30pm | 7:00pm | 2,4,6,7 |

**Saipan-Busan**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ 608 | 3:50am | 7:20am | 1,4,5,7 |

**Guam-Manila**

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|---|---|---|---|
| CO 891 | 6:00am | 10:30am | 3 via Yap and Koror |
| CO 893 | 6:30am | 8:05am | 6 |
| CO 893 | 8:25am | 10:00am | 2,7 |
| CO 893 | 5:50pm | 9:10pm | 5 via Koror |
| CO 933 | 7:00pm | 8:40pm | Daily |
| PR 111 | 6:00am | 7:45am | 1,2,4,6,7 |

**Saipan-Guanzhou**

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|---|---|---|---|
| CZ 3008 | 5:00am | 8:00am | 2,6 |

**Guam-Hongkong**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO 909 | 6:40pm | 9:25pm | 1,5 |

**Guam-Rota**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO 9598 | 10:15am | 10:45am | 1,2,6 |

### ARRIVALS

**Rota-Saipan**

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|---|---|---|---|
| CO 9598 | 11:10am | 11:45am | 1,2,6 |

**Guam-Saipan**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO 9316 | 2:30am | 3:20am | Daily |
| CO9596 | 7:00am | 7:50am | Daily |
| CO9598 | 10:15am | 11:45am | 1,2,6 via Rota |
| CO9600 | 10:45am | 11:35am | 3,4,5,7 |
| CO9602 | 2:00pm | 2:50pm | Daily |
| CO9604 | 5:00pm | 5:50pm | Daily |
| CO9606 | 8:00pm | 8:50pm | Daily |

**Narita-Saipan**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| NW 076 | 10:15am | 2:55pm | Daily |
| NW 077 | 6:25pm | 1:30am+1 | Daily |
| NW 100 | 8:45pm | 1:25am+1 | Daily |

**Osaka-Saipan**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| NW 084 | 10:30am | 3:05pm | Daily |

**Nagoya-Saipan**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| NW 077 | 9:00pm | 1:30am+1 | Daily |

**Seoul-Saipan**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ 605 | 9:00am | 2:30pm | 2,4,6,7 |
| OZ 603 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ 603 | 8:10pm | 1:40am+1 | 1,2,3,4,5,6 |

**Busan-Saipan**

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|---|---|---|---|
| OZ 607 | 9:30pm | 2:50am+1 | 3,4,6,7 |

**Manila-Guam**

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|---|---|---|---|
| CO 894 | 11:20am | 4:55pm | 2,7 |
| CO 894 | 7:45pm | 1:20am+1 | 6 |
| CO 892 | 9:45pm | 6:30am+1 | 3 via Koror and Yap |
| CO 892 | 10:10pm | 5:30am+1 | 5 via Koror |
| CO 934 | 10:55pm | 4:30am+1 | Daily |
| PR 110 | 10:20pm | 4:00am+1 | 1,3,5,6,7 |

**Guanzhou-Saipan**

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|---|---|---|---|
| CZ 3007 | 8:00pm | 4:00am+1 | 1,5 |

**Hongkong-Guam**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO 910 | 10:35pm | 5:15am+1 | 1,5 |

**Rota-Guam**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO 9313 | 9:30am | 10:00am | 3,4,7 |

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## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Guam-Rota** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 7:00am | 7:30am | Daily |
| **Rota-Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 7:50am | 8:20am | Daily |
| **Saipan-Rota** | | | |
| FRE 200 | 9:00am | 9:30am | Daily |
| **Rota-Guam** | | | |
| FRE 200 | 9:50am | 10:15am | Daily |
| **Guam-Rota** | | | |
| FRE 300 | 4:00pm | 4:30pm | Daily |
| **Rota-Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 300 | 4:50pm | 5:25pm | Daily |
| **Saipan-Rota** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 6:00pm | 6:30pm | Daily |
| **Rota-Guam** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 6:45pm | 7:15pm | Daily |
| **Saipan-Tinian** | | | |
| FRE 101 | 6:45am | 6:55am | Daily |
| FRE 103 | 7:30am | 7:40am | Daily |
| FRE 105 | 8:00am | 8:10am | Daily |
| FRE 107 | 8:40am | 8:50am | Daily |
| FRE 109* | 9:10am | 9:20am | Daily |
| FRE 111* | 10:45am | 10:55am | Daily |

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| FRE 113 | 11:40am | 11:50am | Daily |
| FRE 115 | 1:00pm | 1:10pm | Daily |
| FRE 117 | 2:30pm | 2:40pm | Daily |
| FRE 119 | 4:00pm | 4:10pm | Daily |
| FRE 121 | 4:40pm | 4:50pm | Daily |
| FRE 123 * | 5:40pm | 5:50pm | Daily |
| FRE 125 * | 6:00pm | 6:10pm | Daily |
| **Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**** | | | |
| FRE 102 | 7:05am | 7:15am | Daily |
| FRE 104 | 7:50am | 8:00am | Daily |
| FRE 106** | 8:20am | 8:30am | Daily |
| FRE 108** | 9:00am | 9:10am | Daily |
| FRE 110 | 10:00am | 10:10am | Daily |
| FRE 112 | 11:05am | 11:15am | Daily |
| FRE 114 | 12:00pm | 12:10pm | Daily |
| FRE 116 | 1:30pm | 1:40pm | Daily |
| FRE 118 | 2:50pm | 3:00pm | Daily |
| FRE 120** | 4:20pm | 4:30pm | Daily |
| FRE 122** | 5:00pm | 5:10pm | Daily |
| FRE 124 | 6:05pm | 6:15pm | Daily |
| FRE 126 | 6:20pm | 6:30pm | Daily |

## Schedule of Religious Services

### CATHOLIC

**Mt. Carmel Cathedral**
Sunday Mass: 6am, 9am, 11am and 6pm
Monday-Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6am and 6pm

**Korean Center**
Sunday: 10:30am
Wednesday: 10am
Thursday-Friday: 8pm
Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm

**Kristo Rai Parish**
Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am
Monday- Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6am and 6pm
Saturday: 6am and 6pm

**Nuestra Senora De Soledad Parish**
Wednesday Mass: 6pm
First Friday Healing Mass: 6pm
Saturday Mass: 6pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30am & 9am

**Saint Jude Parish**
Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am
Wednesday and Thursday: 6pm

**San Antonio Parish**
Sunday: 6am and 8am
Tuesday and Friday: 6pm

**San Francisco de Borja-Rota**
Sunday: 6am and 8am
Monday-Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6pm

**San Isidro-Rota**
Sunday: 5am and 10am
Monday-Wednesday: 7pm
Thursday-Saturday: 5am and 7pm

**San Jose (Oleai) Parish**
Sunday: 6am and 7:30am
Tuesday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday: 6pm

**San Roque Parish**
Sunday: 9am
Wednesday: 6pm
Saturday: 10:30am

**San Vicente Parish**
Sunday: 6am, 9am and 6pm
Monday-Saturday: 6pm

**Santa Remedios**
Sunday: 7:30am
Tuesday: 6pm
Saturday: 10am-Baptism

**Santa Soledad**
Sunday: 7:30am

### PROTESTANT

**Born Again Christian (Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan**
Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm
Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm
Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am
Sunday School for Children: 10-11am
Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm

**Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan**
Sunday School: 9am
Sunday Morning Worship: 10am
Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm

**Chinese Christian Church of Saipan**
Worship Services: Sunday, 10am and 7:30pm
Bible Study: Tuesday-Friday, 9:25pm

**Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan**
Worship/Study Opportunities
Adult Sunday School: 9am
Youth Sunday School: 9am
English Worship Service Sunday: 10am
Sunday Service: 5:30pm
Worship/Fellowship Sunday: 9:30pm
Evangelism/Follow-up: Sunday/Monday: 1:30/7:30pm
Worship Team: Monday/Saturday-9pm;
Cell Groups Tuesday: 7:30pm
Mid-week Service: 7:30pm
Prayer Meeting Wednesday: 7:30pm
Leader's Bible Study Friday: 7:30 pm
Cornerstone School of Ministry Saturday: 7:30pm

**Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan**
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 9:00am
Place: Vicarage, Chalan Laulau,
Call 235-0545 for directions

**Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan**
Worship Service: 9am
GBI Classes: 4-6pm
Prayer Meeting: Monday-Saturday: 6am
Sunday: 7am
Home Cell Bible Study: Wednesday-Friday: 7pm
Youth Service: Friday: 5:30pm

**Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan**
Wednesday: 7:45pm (Tagalog)
Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (English)
Saturday: 5:30am (Tagalog); 7:45pm (Tagalog)
Sunday: 6:45am (English)
Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)

**Immanuel United Methodist Church Koblerville**
Sunday Services
9:00 AM
Place of the church-next to Mt. Carmel Cathedral on Chalan Kanoa Dr. • Tel: 322-6158
Pastor JJ Matsumoto

**Immanuel Methodist Church (Filipino Congregation)**
Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal
8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog)
9:15am-Sunday School
Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group
8:00pm-Prayer Meeting
Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church)
Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage)

**Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan**
English Service: 9-11am, Sunday
Tagalog Service: 6-8pm, Sunday

**Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan**
Sunday School: 8:20am
Sunday Adult: 10am
Sunday Adult: 11:30am
Sunday Evening: 7:30pm
Wednesday: 8pm

**Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan**
Sunday Worship Service: 10am–12noon
Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm
Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm
Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm
Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm
Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)

**Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan**
English Worship Service: 9-10:30am
Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm
Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am
Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm
English Sunday School: 11am-12pm
Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting:
English, 7pm-8pm
Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm

**Missions Connection Ministry**
Every Sunday Celebrations:
10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog)
Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm
Youth Impact Friday: 7pm
Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm

**Northern Marianas Christian Church**
Sunday Worship Service 10am Fina Sisu Housing FS#1 (Child care will be provided)
Friday Services @ 7pm Fina Sisu FS#1 for more info pls. contact Ryan 484-2620

**Saipan Bible Fellowship Church**
Sunday School: 9:30-10am
Divine Worship: 10am-11:30am
Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm

**Saipan Christian Church**
Sunday: 7:30am-10am
Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm
Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting)
Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)

**Saipan Church of Christ**
Sunday Bible Class: 9am
Sunday Worship: 10am
Sunday Worship English: 6pm
Sunday Worship Tagalog: 7pm
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30pm

**Saipan Community Church**
(Sunday Services)
Palau Service: 7:30am-9am
English Service: 10am-11:30am
Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm
Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan**
(Saturday Church Services)
Sabbath School Program: 9-10am
Lesson Study: 10-10:40am
Divine Service: 11-12pm
Visitation: 3-4pm
Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm
Sundown Worship: 6-7pm

**First Baptist Church**
(Formerly Saipan Baptist Church)
Afetna St., San Antonio

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sunday | 9am | Sunday school |
| | 10am | Regular worship |
| | 6pm | worship |
| Wednesday | 7pm | worship |

Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church. For further information, please call Pastor David M. Mclure at 234-1939/235-7779.

**Thy Word Ministries Saipan Faith Center**
Phone 234-0209
New Christian Charismatic Church Service located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches.
Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi
Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi
Service Times
Sunday 10:00am Worship Service
Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes
Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies
Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer
Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice
Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service
Saturday 10:00am Evangelism

**Upper Room International Ministries**

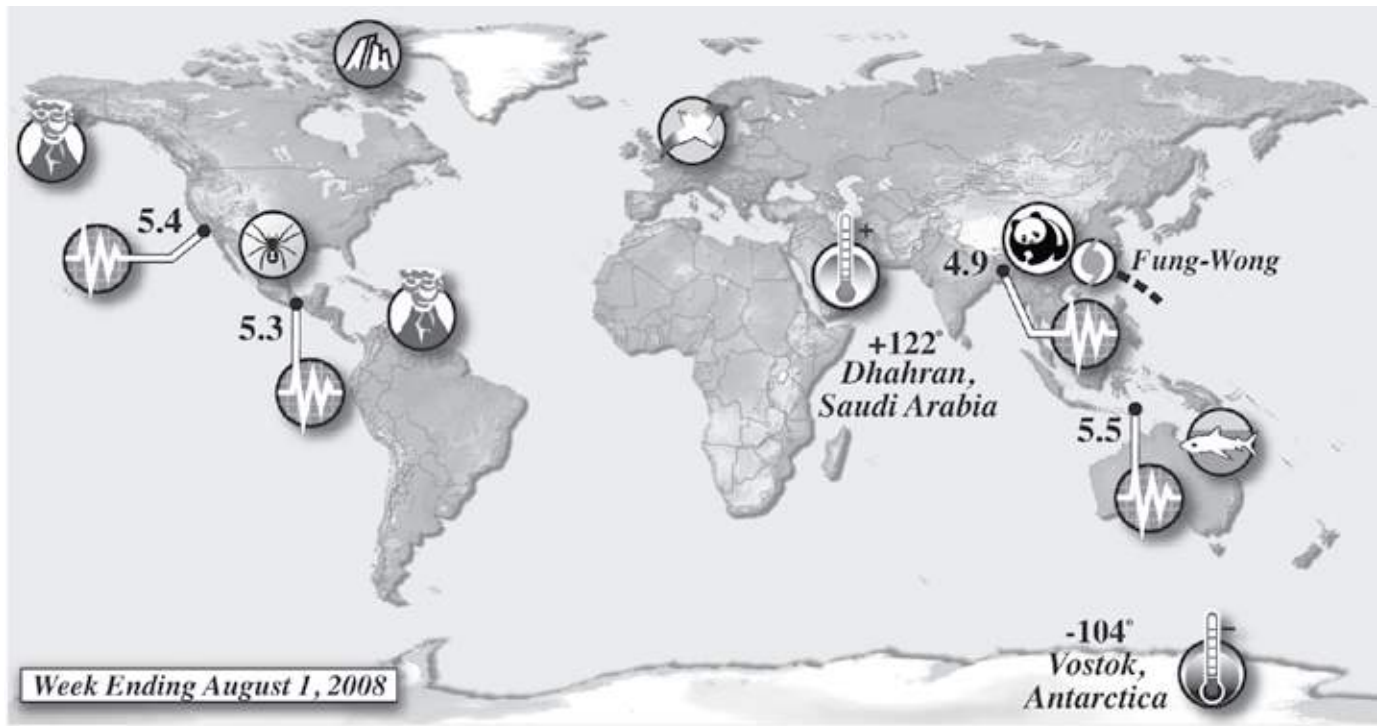
| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sunday | 5:30am-6:30am | |
| Morning prayer | | |
| | 7am-9am | English service |
| | 7am-9am | Sunday school |
| | 10am-12noon | English service, Koblerville |
| Wednesday | 7pm-9pm | Prayer meeting |
| Saturday | 7pm-9pm | Tagalog service |

Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church
Gualo Rai, Saipan

**Victory Chapel Christian Fellowship Church**
Sunday School: 9:30am
Sunday AM Worship:10:30am
Sunday PM Worship:7:00am
Wed Worship: 7:30pm
Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times
Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S

# Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By STEVE NEWMAN




## Arctic Breakup

The largest breakup of Arctic ice in three years created two huge ice islands off far northern Canada in what researchers say is the latest evidence of a warming climate. The chunks broke off the Ward Hunt Ice Shelf on the coast of Ellesmere Island in Canada's Nunavut territory. One of the new islands of ice measures 1.9 square miles while the other is 5.4 square miles in size. In a related development, scientists say this summer's cooler Arctic weather should prevent a repeat of last year's record melting of the polar ice pack.

## Magnetic Repulsion

Researchers in Australia say they have discovered a unique and effective way to keep sharks away—magnets. A team from the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries and James Cook University says its findings could help keep sharks out of fishing nets. "They react violently to the magnets, rapidly turning and swinging away from them," said researcher Jamie Seymour. He said sharks and rays have acute sensing organs that detect electromagnetic fields in water. While the use of magnets could benefit fishing fleets, Seymour said he doesn't believe they could prevent shark attacks on humans.

## Earthquakes

A 5.4 magnitude quake that struck the Los Angeles basin caused a few minor injuries as it cracked water mains and gas lines. The shaking was felt as far away as Las Vegas.

■ Earth movements were also felt in southern Mexico, northeastern Bangladesh and East Timor.

## Warming Appetite

Milder European winters due to climate change have brought flocks of ravenous birds to feed on Danish crops, and farmers are petitioning the government to allow them to kill the winged pests. "This is a vicious circle," farmer's union leader Herdis Dam told the newspaper Frederiksborg Amts Avis. "The mild winters mean that more birds breed the year round, and since one doesn't want to hunt the birds when they have young, the hunting season is reduced," he added. Dam estimates that some farmers have lost up to 30 percent of their crops due to birds.

## Hurricane Aftermath

Residents of South Texas and northeastern Mexico battled plagues of tarantulas, snakes and fire ants that were forced from their habitats by floodwaters in the wake of Hurricane Dolly. "You don't want to wade in this water," Texas Health Services Commissioner David Lakey told residents in the Rio Grande Valley. The storm broke all-time rainfall records as it drifted for days along the Mexico-Texas border. Officials estimate it could take six weeks for the low-lying region to completely dry out.

## Pacific Cyclone

Typhoon Fung-Wong struck Taiwan as a Category-2 storm before later moving ashore on mainland China's Fujian province. Two people were killed and six others were injured by strong winds and pounding rain on Taiwan. At least 1,200 people were forced to evacuate their homes by the second such storm to strike the island within two weeks. On the Chinese mainland, Fung-Wong destroyed thousands of acres of crops and wrecked 110 homes.

## Volcanoes

A portion of the dome of an eastern Caribbean volcano collapsed, sending a column of ash soaring 40,000 feet above the island of Montserrat. The collapse released a burst of blistering gases from within the Soufriere Hills volcano, but no one was injured from the volcano's latest blast. A 1997 eruption killed 19 people and prompted the relocation of many of Montserrat's residents.

■ Two Alaskan volcanoes that roared back to life over the past three weeks continued to blow off steam. Infrared satellite sensors indicated that Okmok volcano had lava very near its summit, but cloud cover prevented clear views of either volcano.

## Baby Boom

Four giant panda cubs were born within 14 hours at the Chengdu Panda Breeding Research Center in China's Sichuan province. Officials said it was an extremely rare occurrence for the endangered animals. Xinhua reports 9-year-old Qiyuan ("Magic Luck" in Chinese) gave birth to a pair of female cubs within less than an hour late in the afternoon on July 26. Then, 8-year- old Chenggong ("Success" in Chinese) delivered two cubs early the following morning. Twelve panda twins were born in captivity in the country last year, the most since an artificial breeding program was established more than 40 years ago. There are only about 1,590 giant pandas living in the wild, mostly in Sichuan and the northwestern provinces of Shaanxi and Gansu. The Chengdu center currently has 71 in captivity.

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## OFFBEAT BRIEFS

### Boy, 4, tries to drive to grandma's house, crashes

**STANFORD, Ky.** (AP)—A preschooler put his little brother in a car, got it turned around and headed off to his grandmother's house. WKYT-TV reported the trip didn't go well, but no one got hurt. Lincoln County Sheriff Curt Folger said the 4-year-old boy began his journey when his mother and her boyfriend were asleep on Saturday. He got the seat adjusted and the car started and turned around, but he ran through a fence and into some trees. The boys' mother was reported to child protective services. The sheriff said the boyfriend was arrested after he got to the car and made a threatening gesture toward either the boy or the deputy who was investigating. He was charged with menacing.

### Couple's pumpkin sets SC record at 897 pounds

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** (AP)—It's a big pumpkin. A Lexington County couple's pumpkin has broken the state record. Frank and Tina Finders' pumpkin tipped the scales at the State Farmer's Market Friday at 897 pounds. That's the equivalent of two Siberian male tigers or about 9 old truck tires. The couple told The State newspaper they grew the vegetable organically in an Arcadia Lakes garden. They plan to sell the pumpkin, but hope to harvest the seeds and try again next year for another record. The previous state record set in 2006 was 737 pounds. The world record was a 1,689-pound pumpkin.

### Hall of Justice puddle mystifies Wash. officials

KELSO, Wash. (AP)—Some RV owner is apparently dumping his sewage in the parking lot of the Cowlitz County Hall of Justice parking lot in Kelso. It happened first last summer, but when it happened again this month the county thought there might be a leak in sewer lines. The county spent $15,000 running dye and cameras through the pipes. Workers found nothing wrong. The Longview Daily News reported that officials are keeping an eye on the parking lot in case someone tries to make another sewage dump.

# Good Housekeeping

# Exhibit illustrates advances in prefab home design

By DAVID MINTHORN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Prefabricated houses don't have to be ticky-tacky.

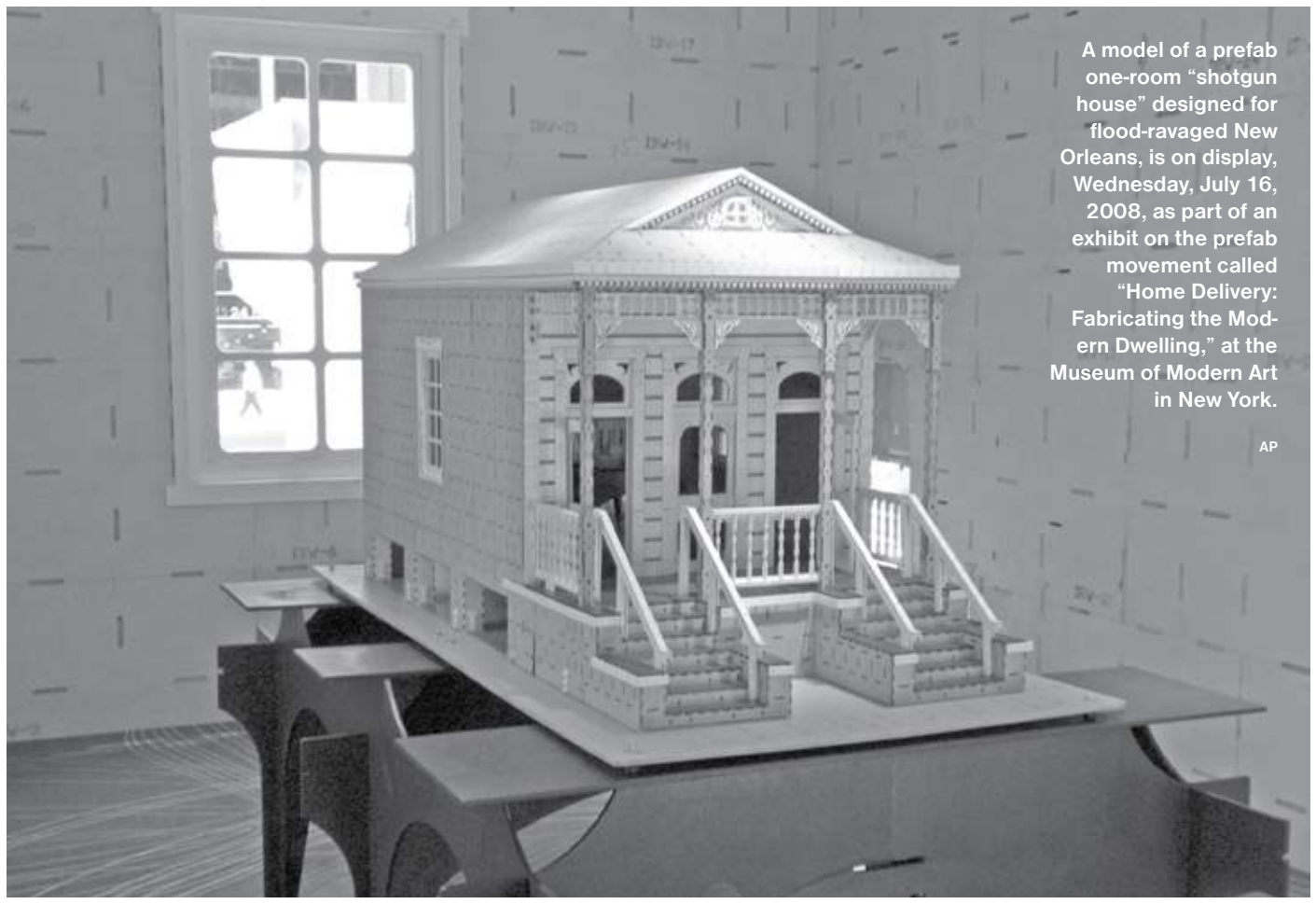
Contemporary prefab homes now possess all the flair and durability of traditional housing. Computerized designs and innovative materials are behind this architectural revolution, replacing cookie-cutter forms and flimsy materials from prefab's heyday after World War II.

That's the message of "Home Delivery: Fabricating the Modern Dwelling," an engrossing survey of the prefab movement opening Sunday at the Museum of Modern Art. It lasts through Oct. 26.

Visitors can stroll through five model homes built outside the museum to experience major architectural advances in prefabrication. Distinctive profiles, open floor plans, energy efficiency and off-the-shelf components are shared objectives.

Built in a black-topped lot next to the museum, the model homes form a kind of urban village in the heart of Manhattan.

Cellophane House is a five-story, steel-frame town house from Philadelphia. Burst 008 is an Australian beachhouse of laser-cut plywood. Micro compact home was designed and built in Britain and Germany, with all the comforts in just 76 square feet of living space. System 3 is a modular home prototype from Austria in the shape of shipping containers. The fifth model is a digitally fabricated, one-room "shotgun house" designed for flood-ravaged New Orleans.



A model of a prefab one-room "shotgun house" designed for flood-ravaged New Orleans, is on display, Wednesday, July 16, 2008, as part of an exhibit on the prefab movement called "Home Delivery: Fabricating the Modern Dwelling," at the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

AP

An accompanying exhibit inside MoMA traces the history of prefab housing dating to 1833, when H. Manning of London began selling portable colonial cottages for emigrants to Australia, boasting that the homes could be assembled in a day.

Scale models, photos and architectural sketches range over the prefab work of modernist innovators like Le Corbusier, Walter Gropius and Jean Prouve in Europe and Thomas Edison, Frank Lloyd Wright and R. Buckminster Fuller in the United States

It includes a two-bedroom Lustron house of porcelain-enameled steel, one of 2,500 produced in the United States (1948-50); photos of World War II-era Quonset Huts; a model of Fuller's Dymaxion Dwelling Machine (1944-46); sketches of Wright's American System-Built Houses for the Richards Co. (1911-17); and an illustration of Edison's single pour concrete buildings (1906-1919).

Other highlights: Le Courbusier's path-breaking Maison Dom-ino construction sketch (1914), photos of the Gropius-designed Copper Houses exported to Palestine in the early 1930s and Prouve's models of prefab houses from the early 1950s, a trove assembled by curator Barry Bergdoll.

Pioneers of prefab shared the notion that dwellings assembled on site from mass-produced factory components could overcome housing shortages from world wars and urban expansion. But the reality was often alienating: rows of look-alike homes in suburban tracts and grim apartment blocks in cities.

Architects specializing in prefab now use "mass customization" of basic designs developed with sophisticated software programs. Prefab homes can be modified with input from customers to match their individual needs, according to the exhibition catalog.

The most elaborate and striking of the five prefab homes, Cellophane House's structural steel frame, nearly 50 feet high, mirrors the surrounding skyline. The glass-walled building rises from a street-level garage to rooftop patio with a solar-panel canopy. Photovoltaic cells integrated into the plastic membrane in the walls and roof materials gather energy during the day and channel it to a set of batteries in a mechanical room. Water is heated by the solar panels flows through a convection loop to a holding tank.

A double wall system, transparent on three sides of the house, anticipates internal climate needs and, using built-in dampers and fans, eliminates unwanted heat gains and losses, according to designers Stephen Kieran and James Timberlake of Philadelphia.

Two bathrooms and bedrooms, a spacious kitchen-dining area, laundry room and a balcony totaling 1,880 square feet of living space spreads over four floors, each measuring 20 feet by 28 feet. The anticipated cost is $300,000 and up, according to architects.

# How to care for your lawn in summer

By JESSICA DAMIANO
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## Sharpen your blade

1. Set the mower blade to 3 inches, and never cut more than one-third of the total height of grass at one time. For a healthy lawn, be sure mower blades are sharpened frequently. Just think: How easily would you heal if you were cut with a dull blade?

## Water

2. Lawns need about an inch of water per week (1 1/2 inches in sandy soil). To find out how much that is, set out a few empty coffee cans under the sprinkler, and watch the clock. When an inch of water has accumulated, you'll know how long it takes to water properly. It should take several hours. If your sprinkler is putting out an inch of water per hour, much of that is running off. Set timers and adjust sprinkler output accordingly. Better yet, set the system to manual. Divide the total irrigation time needed into about two waterings a week, and be sure to compensate for rainfall.

It's important to water deeply and slowly so that moisture reaches roots. Watering lightly and frequently promotes short roots, which won't be able to suck up enough water to keep the grass healthy.

Not sure when to water? If your footprints are visible after walking on the lawn, it's time to turn on the sprinkler.

## Don't fertilize

3. Not during the summer, at least. If necessary, apply a slow-release fertilizer only twice a year—around Memorial Day and Labor Day.

## Tip

For the best flavor, pick herbs at 10am, after the dew has dried but before the sun is at its strongest.

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## MOWER SAFETY

By BRITTNEY JOHNSON
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You see that your child never bikes without a helmet, but are you as careful when it comes to mowing the lawn? Last year more than 16,000 children under age 19 were injured in lawn-mowing accidents, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. The commission, along with the AAP and several other medical societies, urges adults to take steps to prevent injuries.

Among the steps they recommend:

- Don't let children mow the lawn until they are at least 12 years old.
- Wear shoes, not sandals, while mowing.
- Always wear safety glasses or other eye protection, as well as ear protection.
- Never start a mower, or refuel a mower, indoors or in a garage.
- Always clear stones and debris from an area before you mow.

For more lawn-mowing safety tips, see www.aap.org/family/tipplawn.htm.

## KITCHEN MAGIC

Fruit parfait

### Frozen Yogurt and Fruit Parfaits

2 medium nectarines, peeled and cut into small pieces
2 tablespoons raspberry- or orange-flavor liqueur
1 pint low-fat vanilla frozen yogurt
1/4 cup seedless red raspberry preserves
Raspberries and mint sprigs for garnish

1. In blender at medium speed, blend nectarines until smooth. Add raspberry liqueur and 1 cup frozen yogurt; blend until smooth.

2. Into 4 parfait glasses, pour nectarine-yogurt mixture. Top with raspberry preserves. Spoon remaining frozen yogurt over preserves.

3. To serve right away, garnish each parfait with raspberries and mint sprigs. To serve later, cover and freeze parfaits without garnish. When ready to serve, let parfaits stand 30 minutes to soften slightly; garnish with raspberries and mint sprigs just before serving. Serves 4.

### Cantaloupe Boats

Drizzle honey and toasted almonds over raspberries, frozen yogurt and sweet melon for a quick and simple summer treat.

1/4 cup sliced almonds
1/4 cup honey
1 medium ripe cantaloupe, cut into quarters, with seeds removed
1 pint vanilla frozen yogurt
1/2 pint raspberries

1. In small nonstick skillet, toast almonds over medium heat just until golden, stirring frequently. Remove skillet from heat and stir in honey; set aside.

2. To serve, place cantaloupe quarters on 4 dessert plates. Top with frozen yogurt, raspberries and warm almond mixture. Serves 4.

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# Ready, set, declutter: The book problem

By LIZ SEYMOUR
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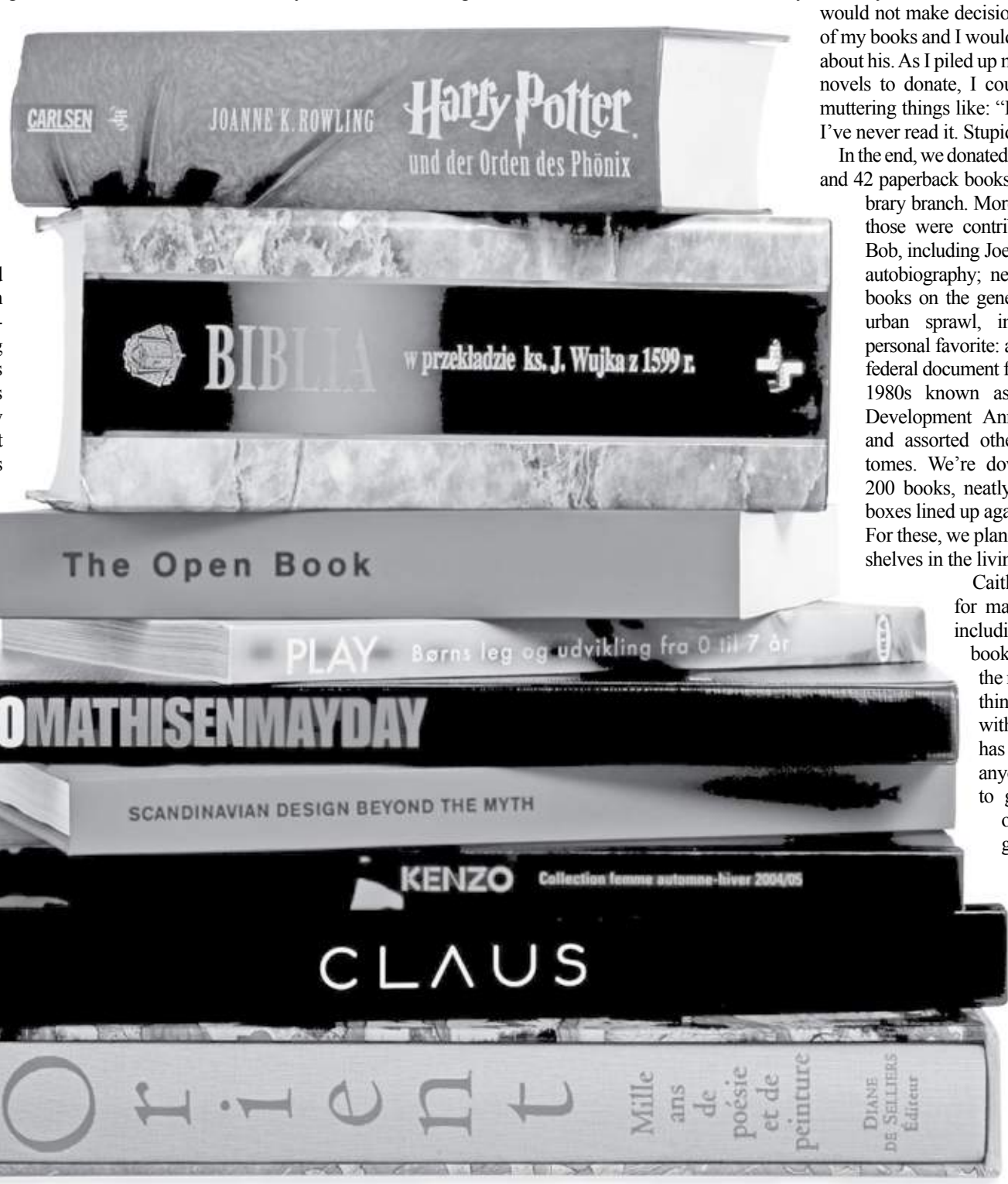
***Fourth of a six-part series.***

**WASHINGTON**—Every disorganized person needs a scapegoat, and on Week 4 of my crusade to clear our hopelessly overstuffed attic, I chose my husband, Bob.

Having already sorted through holiday decorations, I turned to books, smug in the belief that Bob was responsible for the boxes up there filled with volumes going back to college. I love books, but I don't insist on a lifelong relationship with every one of them. Nearly three years ago, for example, our local middle school organized a used-book sale and I donated more than 200 of my own books to the cause (Bob mysteriously went missing during this exercise). So as the piles of clutter spread like ivy across our attic floor these past few years, I convinced myself that if only Bob would thin out his books, the room would be usable, or at least accessible.




On the issue of books I got surprisingly little help from Caitlin Shear, the professional organizer who has signed on to be my coach and hand holder during this process. Each week she has led me through the sorting, scrapping and separation anxiety of dealing with clutter. But when it comes to books, fiction and nonfiction, she is unabashedly a keeper.

"I am a big books person," she admits. "I tend to get rid of everything else before I will let go of a book." She has even allowed her husband, Mike, to keep his collection of science-fiction paperbacks from the early 1980s. "I am," she says, "a total bibliophile."

So am I. My father was a book editor early in his journalism career, so the New York apartment where I grew up was lined with books. They were the only things my parents allowed themselves to collect, and somehow they made room for 1,100 volumes on shelves in three of our four smallish rooms. They added warmth and color to our white-wall rental.

Trying to get rid of those books after both my parents died was a nightmare. The local branches of the New York Public Library would not take them. A few nonprofits would have accepted them, but transporting 1,100 books across the city to the drop-off sites—in a small car, with a baby—while the landlord pressed us to empty the apartment proved too daunting.

We were faced with the depressing prospect of consigning them and the memories they held to the incinerator shaft until a friend recommended Housing Works Used Book Cafe in SoHo, where all profits go to services to help homeless people living with HIV and AIDS. They would pick up the books as long as we could pack them up. Bob heroically pulled an all-nighter while baby and I slept until the truck arrived to pick them up the next morning.

Ever since then, I have been skittish about the size of our book collection, which peaked at about 600 when we moved into our house in the District seven years ago. So for this week's exercise in space clearing, I insisted that Bob join Caitlin and me in the attic to make tough choices. We worked independently for nearly two hours; we agreed that he would not make decisions about any of my books and I would have no say about his. As I piled up my paperback novels to donate, I could hear him muttering things like: "I bought that. I've never read it. Stupid me."

In the end, we donated 25 hardcover and 42 paperback books to a local library branch. More than half of those were contributions from Bob, including Joe Lieberman's autobiography; nearly a dozen books on the general theme of urban sprawl, including my personal favorite: a book-length federal document from the early 1980s known as the Urban Development Annual Report; and assorted other nonfiction tomes. We're down to about 200 books, neatly piled in 10 boxes lined up against the wall. For these, we plan to get proper shelves in the living room.

Caitlin says that for many people—including herself—books are among the most difficult things to part with. But she has two tips for anyone trying to get a handle on an overgrown collection: First, check the condition of the book. "Are the pages so brittle and yellow that you're never going to read them?" If so, she says, donate. And second, "be realistic about the format you like to read them in." Most people never re-read paperbacks they've kept for a while, especially the smaller ones, she says.

# Patching a vinyl floor

By SAMANTHA MAZZOTTA
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**Q: There's a scorch mark on my kitchen floor caused when my son dropped a lighted match (don't ask, it was a teenage thing, I guess) on it. I tried scrubbing it out, but it seems to be melted into the vinyl. How can I fix it?—Jeri in San Antonio**

**A:** Extreme heat and solvents are enemies of the vinyl floor—they can eat right into the surface and are difficult to repair or cover up. It may be better to replace the damaged section, and it's one of the easier home repairs.

If the floor is vinyl tile, then loosen the damaged tile (a heat gun will soften the adhesive) and pry it up with a putty knife. Soften the old adhesive with mineral spirits (being careful not to contact the surrounding tiles) and scrape away. Spread new flooring adhesive and press a new tile into place, wiping away any excess adhesive that oozes out of the edges.

A floor that has sheet vinyl (the vinyl flooring was rolled out in one big piece and trimmed to fit the room) can also be patched. First, get a patch of matching vinyl—if you don't have any extra, "steal" a piece from underneath an appliance or from the inside of the kitchen pantry if the flooring extends there—by cutting out a square using a sharp utility knife.

Place the patch square over the damaged area and trace around it to mark your cutting area. Remove the patch. Using the utility knife (change the blade if possible), cut along the lines. Use a putty knife to pry up the damaged section. As above, clean away old adhesive, apply new adhesive and press the patch into place. To make sure it holds, cover the patch with wax paper and stack some books on top for at least a day.

Finish the patch by applying liquid seam sealer around the patch edges.

**HOME TIP**: Liquid seam sealer is great for quick repairs to vinyl floors. Apply it over small cuts and scratches to hide damage and protect the floor.

*Send questions or home-repair tips to homeguru2000@hotmail.com, or write This Is a Hammer, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.*

# The Good Life

# A series of long swims and longer walks home

## Bell continues practice for swim around Saipan

**Old Man in the Sea**

By JAMES BELL
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

*Editor's Note: On June 9, 2008, James Bell celebrated his 70th birthday swimming the five-mile channel between Saipan and Tinian. It was a feat he last achieved in July 1981, when he marked his retirement from the U.S. Navy by swimming alone from Saipan to Tinian. His next goal is to cross the Torres Strait from Papua New Guinea to the Australian mainland. To practice for this arduous journey, Bell will be swimming along the coastline of Saipan, with the goal of eventually circling the entire island. Here, he will be sharing his experience with Saipan Tribune readers as he attempts the feat.*

***Second part of a series***

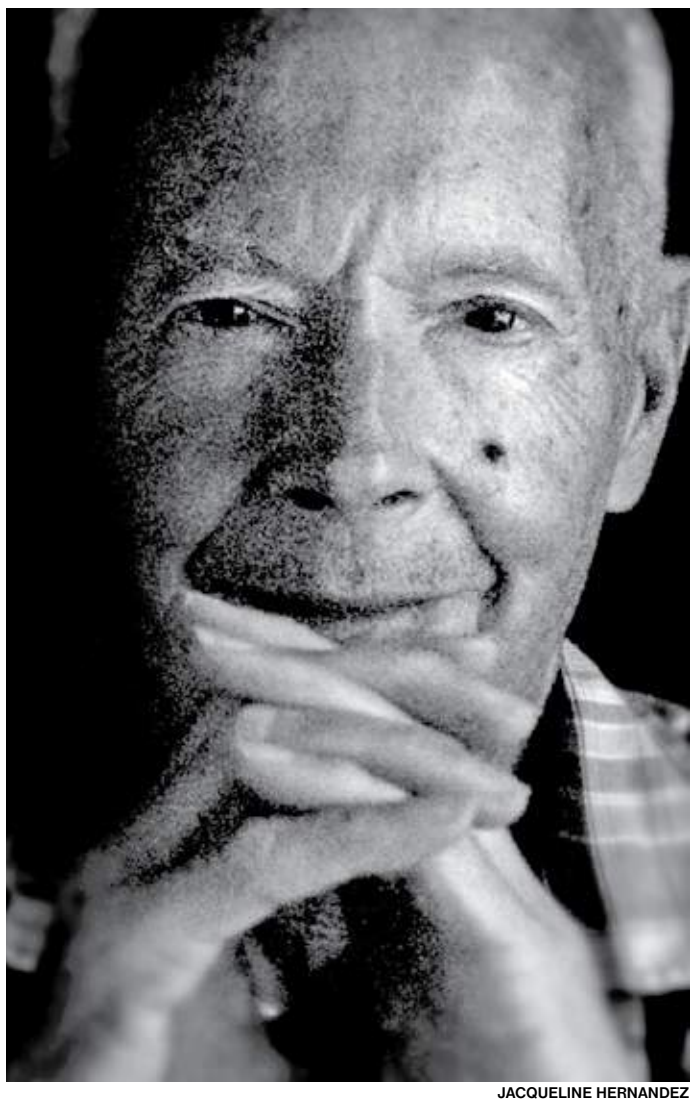
The rainy season is here and it is a good time in the annual cycle for ocean swimming. The break down in the northeast trade winds is keeping waves fairly low on the north, east and south shores and the reefs on the western side of Saipan are not experiencing swell from storms that move into the Pacific Ocean from mainland Asia in the winter and spring. Tropical storms and typhoons usually come a little later in the summer and fall.

Completion of the second segment of my swim took me to the vicinity of one of Saipan's power plants, a rather unscenic stretch of shoreline. The next segment was swum on July 12th, a 4.6-mile swim inside the reef which took 5 hours 29 minutes. Progress was sometimes slow in patches of branching coral, but that allowed more time to enjoy the rainbow colored fish. There were no boats to worry about and a shoreline of sand and low rocks made for an easy exit if I felt the need to get out of the water. As I proceeded northward in the lagoon it was steadily narrowing as the barrier reef gradually converged on the shoreline. The distance from shore to reef was two miles at the start of the swim, but in the late afternoon, I ran out of lagoon as the reef came close enough to a rocky point to fill the space with sharp corals and sea urchins in water too shallow for swimming. The shoreline was now rocky cliffs with only a few small patches of beach so I headed back to Paupau Beach where exit from the water would be on sand in close proximity to a road for the long walk home.

On the way to Paupau Beach, I encountered a sea creature that brought back a lot of memories, an *Acanthaster planci* (crown of thorns starfish). This creature is not the pretty blue starfish you see in the lagoon; it is a coral-eating monster up to 20 inches across with 16 to 18 spine-covered arms. The poisonous spines are so sharp they easily penetrate gloves and skin. This was the only one I had encountered since my return to the tropics and a very low population density is typical under normal conditions. In the mid-'60s something happened to create a population explosion in the acanthaster and they ravaged the Great Barrier Reef of Australia and reefs throughout the tropical Pacific. I became acquainted with the problem on Guam through contact with Dr Richard Chesher, a marine biologist at the University of Guam. Dr. Chesher set up a "killer team" of divers armed with formalin-filled hot water bottles with heavy-duty homemade hypodermics attached with a rubber tube. I was one of the "killers" and spent many Saturdays with the team attempting to hold back the tide of acanthasters by injecting them with formalin ((liquid formaldehyde). The acanthaster invasion was an awesome sight. The starfish moved through the coral in steadily advancing fronts. Approaching the devastation from the rear, one first encountered the acres of dead coral shrouded with gray algae, then the zone of bleached white recently killed coral and finally the war zone. The coral was so infested with acanthaster that there were coral formations completely covered with intertwined spiny arms. It was a very one-sided war. One of the few natural enemies of the starfish is the beautiful triton's trumpet shell prized by shell collectors. If all the triton's trumpets left in the Pacific had been arrayed against this army, they probably could not have stopped it. The starfish, unlike the killer team, were unaffected by weather and conflicting schedules and marched inexorably on. When I returned to Guam for my final tour in the Navy, I swam the 120-mile shoreline in 1980 and observed only one pocket of acanthasters. The reefs were slowly recovering. There is still debate on whether this was a natural cycle or the result of an imbalance caused by the activities of man. I hope never to see it again.

I finished the day with a 9 1/2 mile walk home. That combined with my morning walk to the power plant gave a total of 15 1/2 walking miles for the day.

For my fourth segment, I decided to swim the barrier reef from Wing Beach back to Managaha Island on July 19th. This really was not necessary, but I wanted to cover all the reef on Saipan, not just the shoreline. A friend, Daniel Villegas, drove me to the beach and saw me off on what would prove to be a long day, taking 7 hours 58 minutes to cover 6.2 miles. I saw four sharks at various points along the reef, the first sharks I have seen since I swam the Tinian Channel in 1981. Crossing the reef to get to Managaha Island was another adventure. It was a reef filled with sharp coral and sea urchins, much like the reef that ended my swim on July 12th. The water was not deep enough for swimming, so I had no choice but to stand in bare feet. On this swim, for the first time, I had towed a high top plastic pan in a garbage bag surrounded by a laundry bag for the purpose of bringing along shoes for the walk home. I had attached to it a yellow balloon to make myself more visible to boats. Low waves were knocking me off balance, I did not want try to unpack my walking shoes on the reef to protect my feet, so I improvised. Taking care not to sit on the balloon, I seated myself in the pan and moved it forward after gingerly setting my hands and feet in places where there was no sharp coral or urchins. It was a wide reef and this process had to be repeated for an hour to reach the deeper water of the lagoon. Fortunately, no one was there to take pictures. Had this picture appeared in the *Saipan Tribune*, I probably would have packed my bags and gone home. It was a 25-minute swim to the beach at Managaha Island with my arrival occurring an hour and a half after the departure of the last ferry for Saipan. Fortunately, there were young people who had come to the island in their own boats to take pictures of the sunset. The towering clouds of the evening during the rainy season often make postcard sunsets. I rode back to Saipan in a high-powered 18-ft boat. As we flew across the harbor, I decided that this is the way to go. The only advantage to travel by pan is that it is cheap and quiet. Scott and Dee McClarin gave me a ride home so I didn't need my soggy shoes, but the pan I carried them in had saved the day.



JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ

James Bell will attempt to swim around the entire island of Saipan, in preparation for his goal to cross the Torres Strait from Papua New Guinea to the Australian mainland.

My fifth segment was swum on Saturday, July 26, a 51/2-mile, 7-hour swim. I covered the north end of the island from Wing Beach to Bird Island. Harry Blalock, a radio station manager, and Douglas Johnson, a visitor from Tokyo, used SCUBA gear to take underwater pictures as I swam through the channel which separates the end of the barrier reef from a rocky point. This swim began a very different environment. Without a barrier reef, the waves crash against an unprotected shoreline. Gone was the lagoon and sandy beaches, replaced with rocky platforms elevated several feet above the sea surface and ending in cliffs. Larger waves topped the platform and water cascaded from the dropoff between waves. Beneath the surface a shelf of varying depth extended seaward several hundred feet. In 5 1/2 miles, I saw only one place where there was a break in the rampart that seemed like a possibility for exiting the water. In this part of the Pacific Ocean, there is a broad current moving from east to west. The speed of this current increases dramatically when it is funneled between islands as is the case in the channel between Saipan and the island of Tinian that lies three miles to the south. The distance from Saipan to Farallon de Medinilla, the next island to the north, is 45 nautical miles so I expected no funneling effect, but I did expect to find a current sweeping around Sabaneta Point, the northernmost point on Saipan. When a current rounds a point, it has been my experience that the current does not usually hug the shoreline, but tends to parallel the shoreline some distance seaward. In the space between the current and the shore, a circulation sometimes develops with a countercurrent running back up the shoreline. I was expecting this and began to enjoy the boost of a following current not long after leaving the channel at Wing Beach. The countercurrent was fairly strong and, although I appreciated it, I knew payback time would come at Sabaneta Point. The expected reversal of current appeared abruptly and swept me off the shelf into deeper water. A current speeds up as it crosses a shelf so I was able to make headway against it once I was in deep water. Going was slow with a swimming time of 80 minutes required to cover the 8 tenths of a mile to the Banzai Cliffs.

There is a sadness about the Banzai Cliffs going back to the early summer of 1944. The Japanese moved into Saipan under a League of Nations mandate after World War I and developed a sugar cane and fishing industry. Thousands of Japanese civilians made Saipan their home and they remained with the outbreak of World War II. When the United States invaded Saipan, the tide soon turned against the Japanese forces, but they fought on almost to the last man, inflicting terrible losses on the American forces. The civilians retreated to the north in advance of our forces with hundreds jumping a thousand feet to their deaths from the Suicide Cliffs. Others retreated until they stood looking down at the sea from nameless cliffs that would later be called the "Banzai Cliffs". Then they began leaping 100 feet into the sea. Some leaped alone, others leaped as families, the youngest first, the elders last. American ships attempting to save the few who survived the plunge were blocked by the accumulation of bodies in the sea.

The bottom of the Banzai Cliffs is a chaotic place. As the cliffs are undercut by waves, huge sections fall into the sea. One large piece extends above the sea surface, but most of the pieces have piled up at various levels on the steep slope into the depths. The sea has eroded large caverns in the rocks underlying the cliffs that amplify the sound of the roar of the waves and the hissing and spraying of blowholes. Forty years ago, I looked down at this scene from the top of the cliffs. Somehow, looking down at the age of 30 was better than looking up at the age of 70.

Due to the current at Sabaneta Point, I was running an hour late at the cliffs and needed to make up for lost time. I quit making hourly stops to check my progress and swam for four hours stopping for nothing. Each breath I took, I looked at waves crashing against the rock platform at the shoreline. It was like watching a four-hour time-lapse movie played at the speed at which it was filmed.

Finally, the welcome sight of Bird Island Bay came into my field of view. I had not made up much time and decided to chance going across the reef rather than continuing to the channel on the south side of Bird Island. It turned out to be a swimmer-friendly reef with little coral and no sea urchins. As I approached the beach, a rain squall moved in from the east and my welcoming party, Daniel Villegas and two of his friends, ran to a nearby cave for cover. I was pelted by rain and the shower felt good after a seven-hour soak in warm salt water. This swim marked a change in procedure, with people at the beginning and end of my swim who knew my estimated time en route. The balloon attached to my belt was seen by my welcoming party well before I crossed the reef, giving me hope that it would increase my visibility from passing boats. Surprisingly, I encountered no boats at all in my swim. I guess the balloon was serving its purpose.

My next swim will carry me from Bird Island four miles down the east side of the island to Jeffries Beach. I will keep you posted.

***To be continued.***

# Bob Weber Jr.'s Slylock Fox and Comics for Kids

Which scene is slightly different from the other two?

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2

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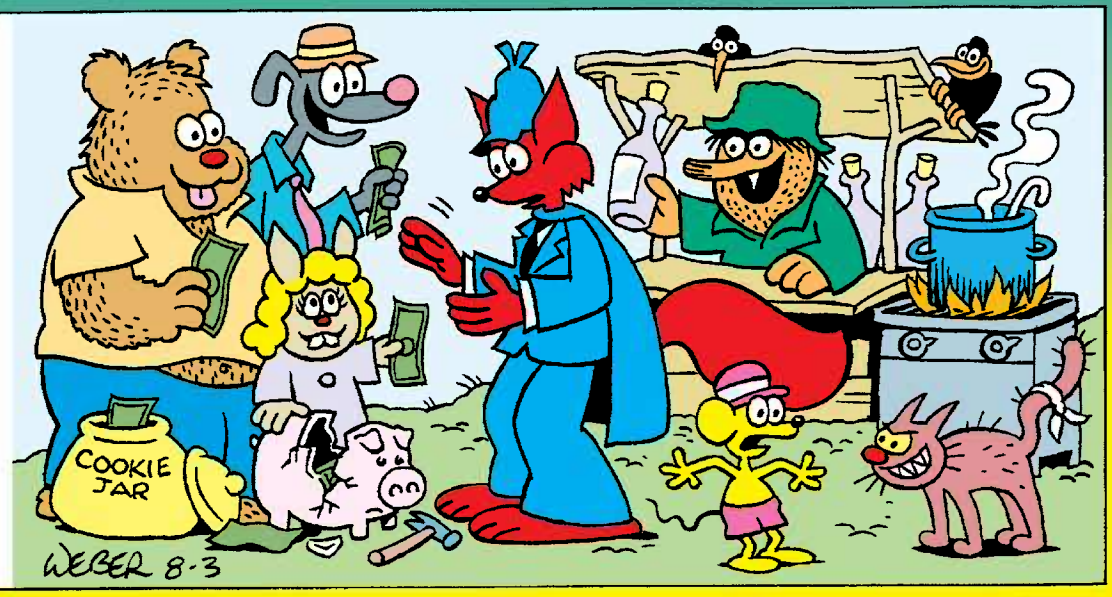
Answer -- Number three.

Shady Shrew claims he's selling a cure for the common cold. He says the drink's secret ingredients become effective after being boiled in an open pot of water until the water reaches a temperature of 450° F. Slylock Fox knows the recipe doesn't smell right. What is wrong?

Solution -- Pure water boils at 212° F (varies slightly with atmospheric pressure). The ingredients will affect the boiling temperature, but not by much. The water will not reach 450° F. Shady is lying. The drink is worthless.

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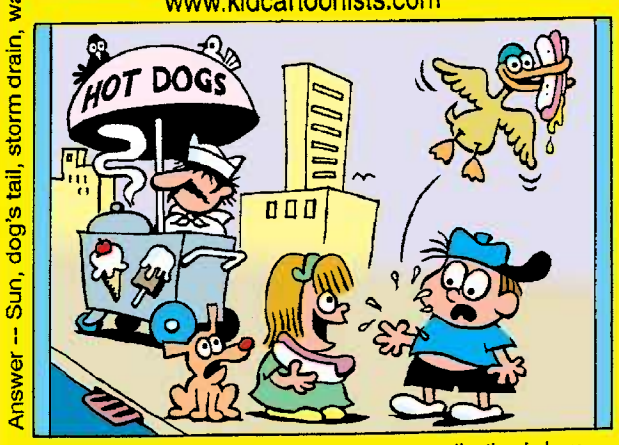


Answer -- Sun, dog's tail, storm drain, water tower, window and bird.

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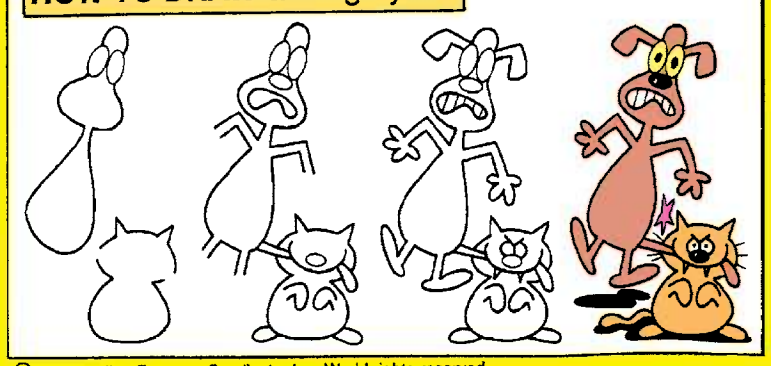

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Today's terrific artist is Raymond Janas Jr., age 8, of Lancaster, PA

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The scrambled words are things in the Slylock Fox panel. How many can you unscramble?

1) EMYNO
2) TEOBLT
3) RDIB
4) MEHRAM
5) TASME

Answer -- 1) Money 2) Bottle 3) Bird 4) Hammer 5) Steam

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# THE FAMILY CIRCUS®

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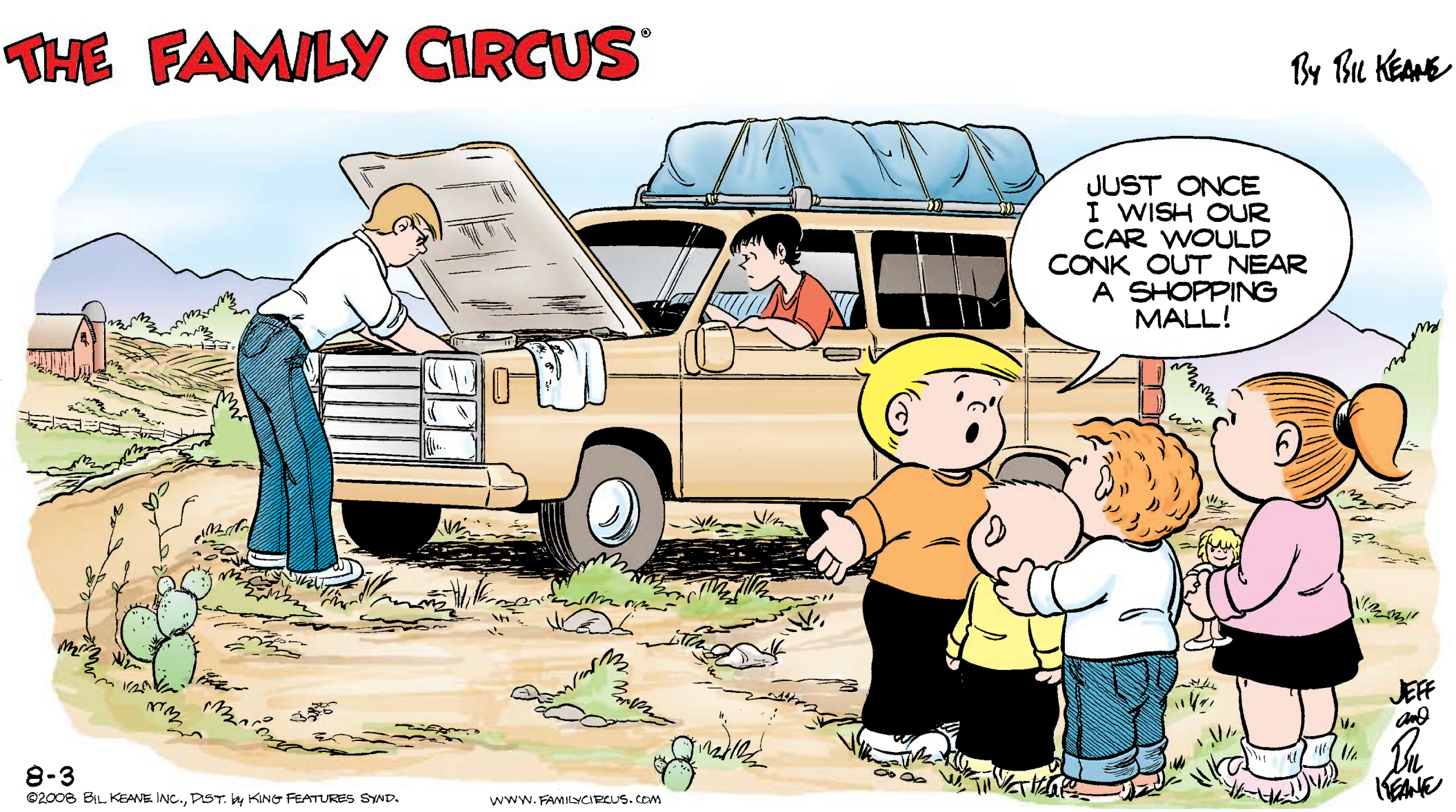


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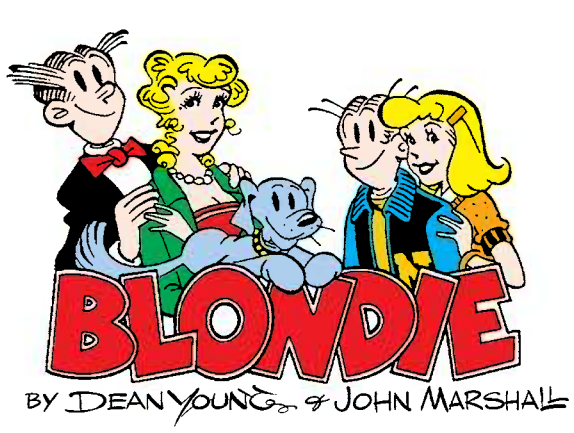
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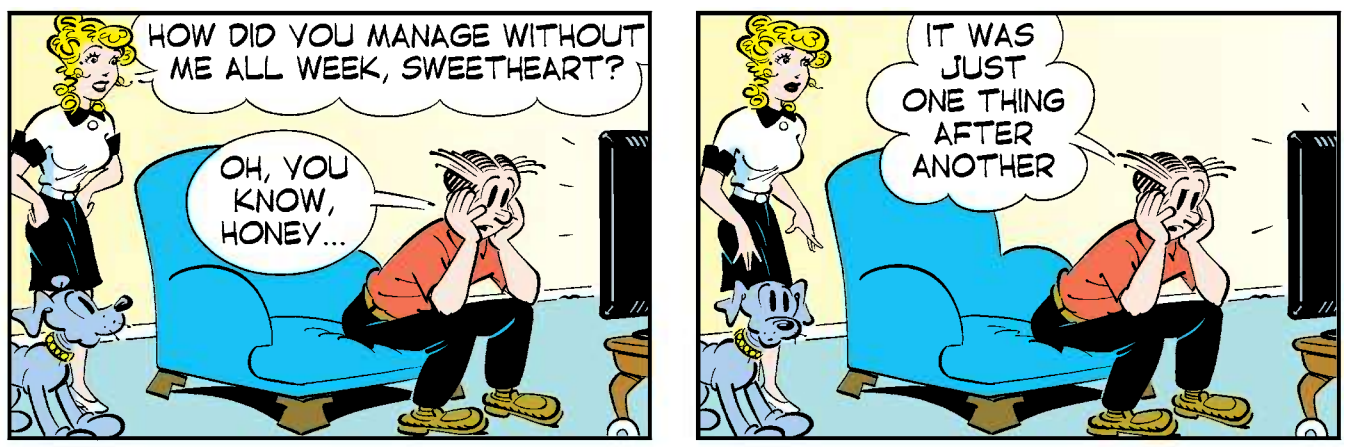
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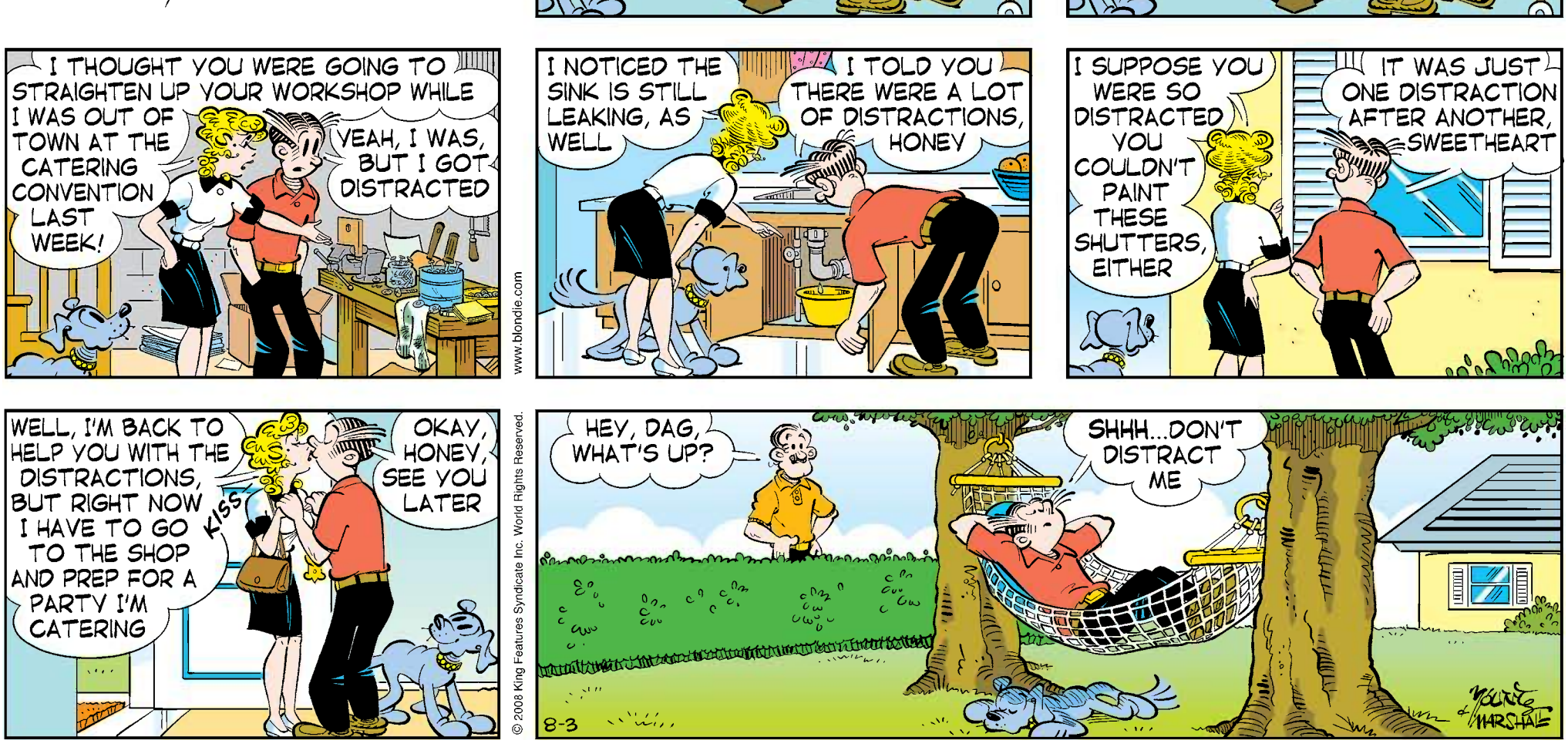
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I TOLD YOU THERE WERE A LOT OF DISTRACTIONS, HONEY
I SUPPOSE YOU WERE SO DISTRACTED YOU COULDN'T PAINT THESE SHUTTERS, EITHER
IT WAS JUST ONE DISTRACTION AFTER ANOTHER, SWEETHEART
WELL, I'M BACK TO HELP YOU WITH THE DISTRACTIONS, BUT RIGHT NOW I HAVE TO GO TO THE SHOP AND PREP FOR A PARTY I'M CATERING
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# Hi and Lois

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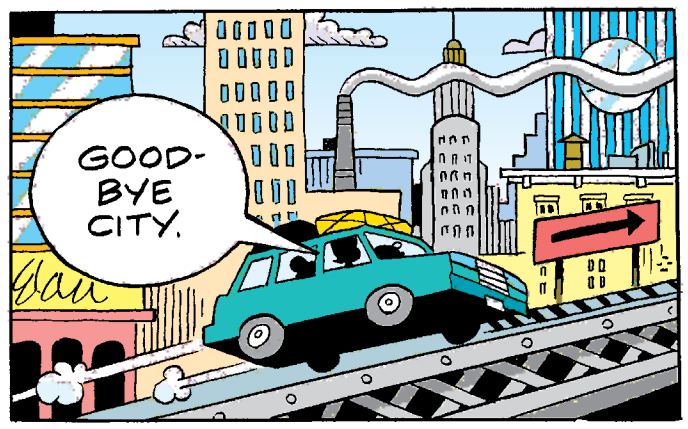


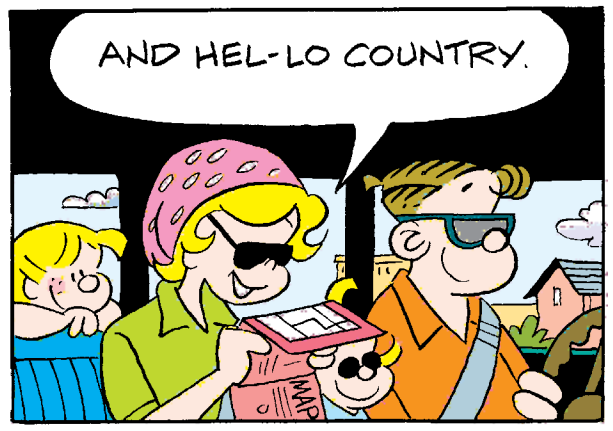


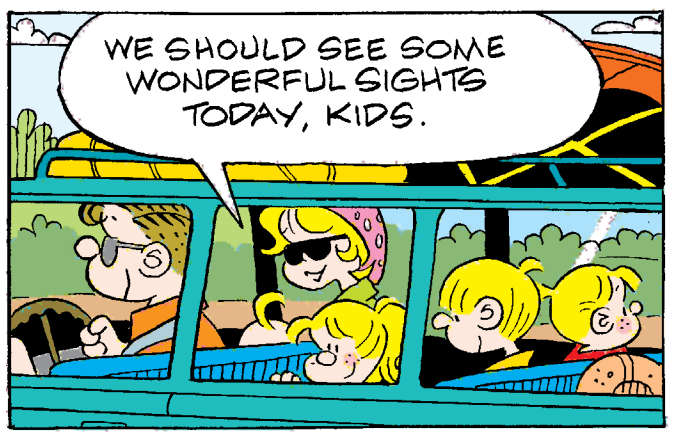


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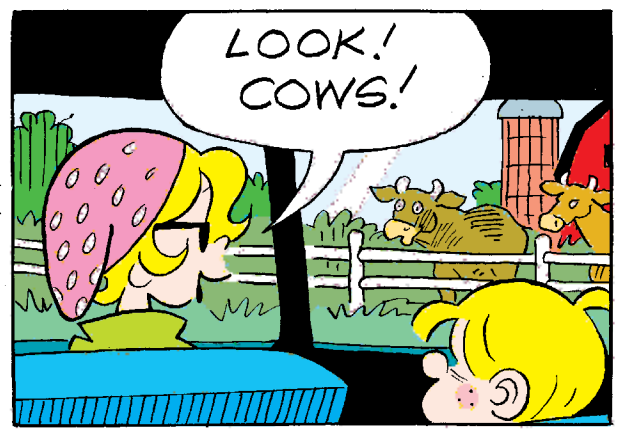


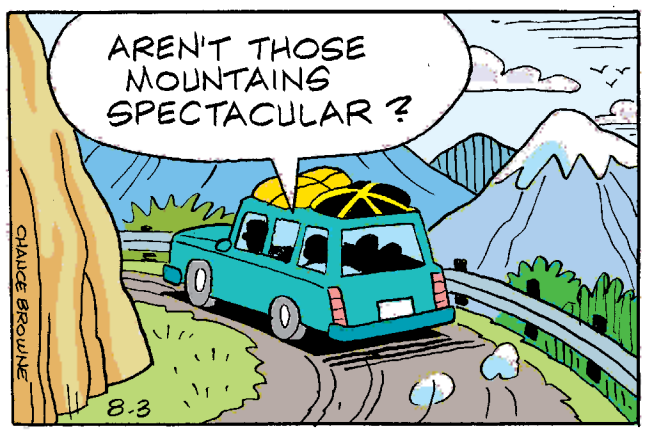


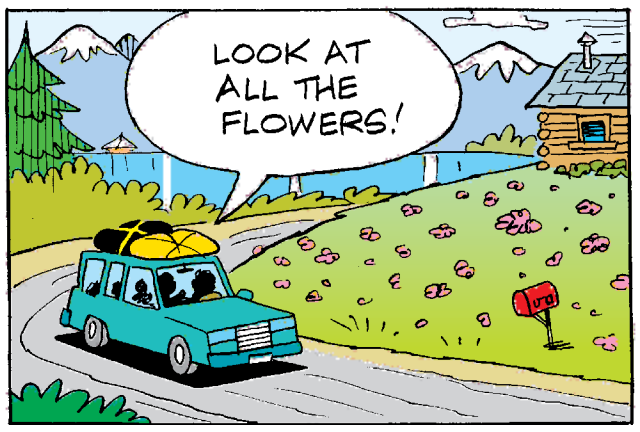


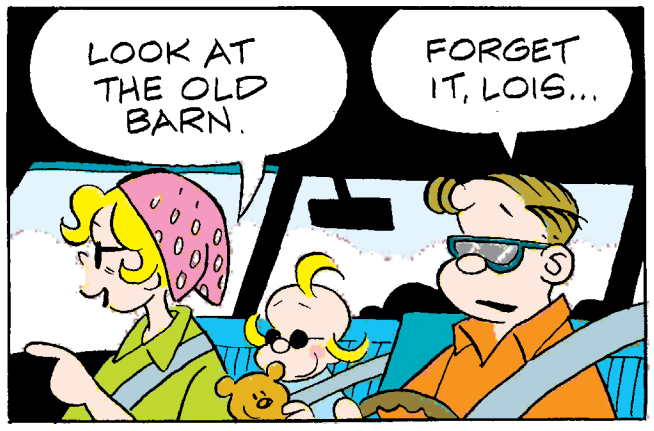


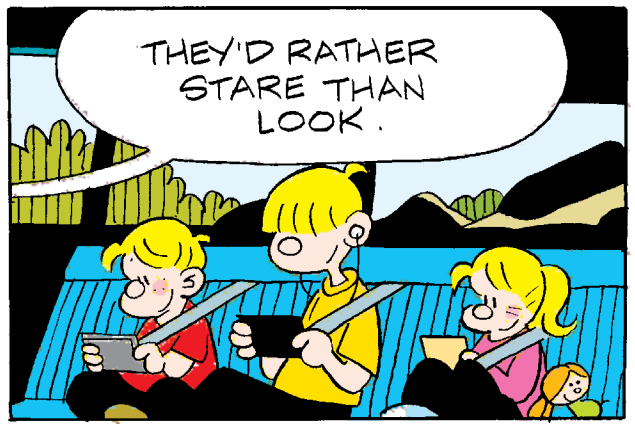


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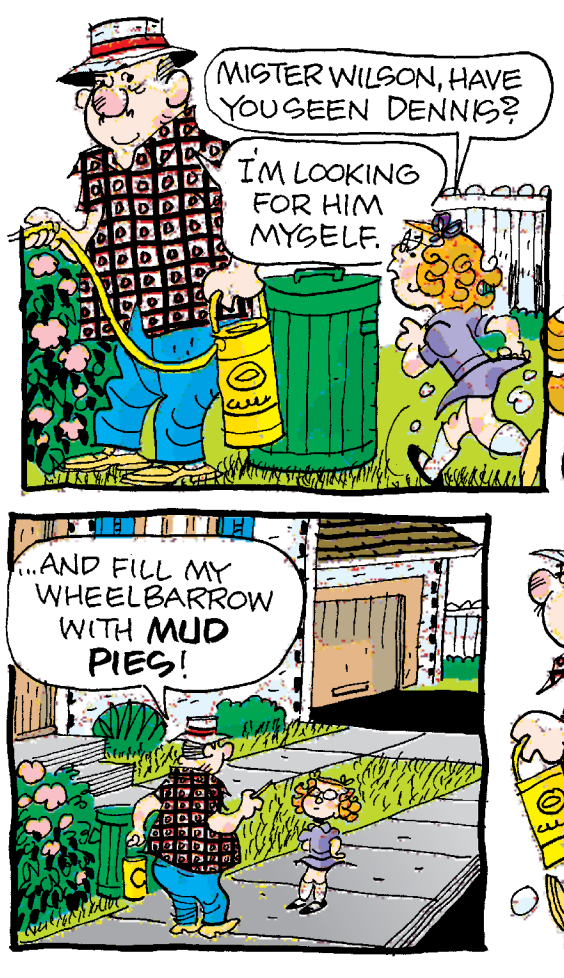


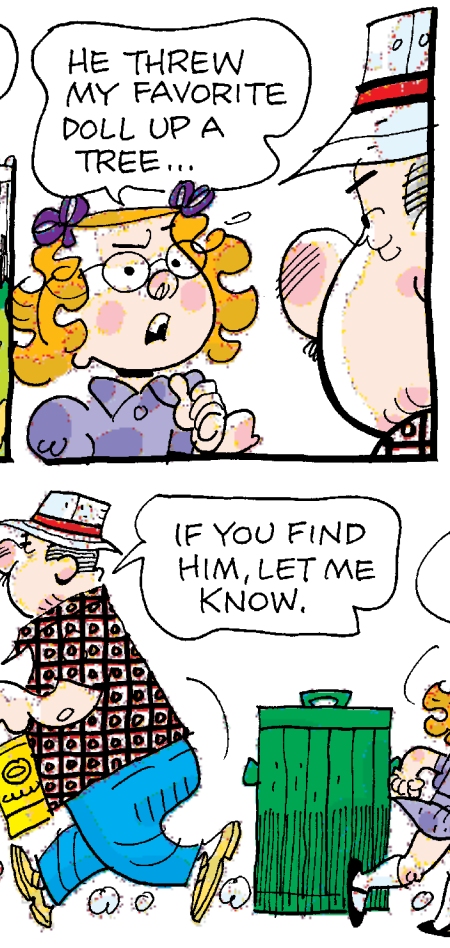


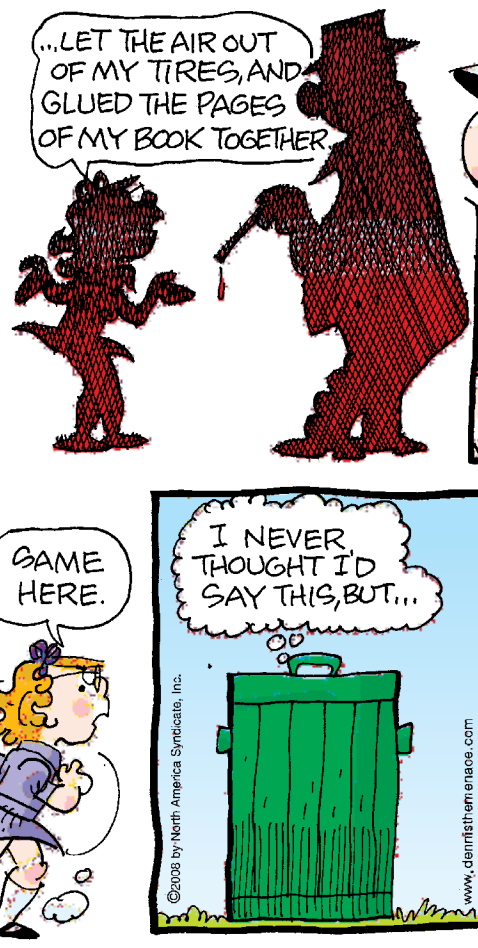

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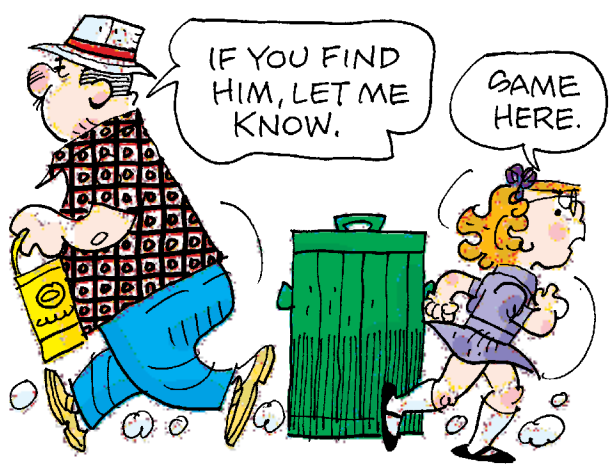





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## Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) With new facts to work with, you should feel more confident in moving ahead. But continue to do so at an unhurried pace so you can spot details you might otherwise miss.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Taking on that new workplace project could be one of your smarter career moves. Expect a surprising show of support from someone who had always been a critic.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You might feel you're too busy to undertake a new responsibility. But check it out before making any decisions. What you learn could persuade you to change your mind.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You feel quite content enjoying all the comforts of home right now. But the urge to travel grows stronger, and by week's end, you could begin packing your bags.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A hectic period begins to ease up, but that doesn't mean the Fine Feline can do much catnapping these days. You need to finish those old tasks and prepare for new ones.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Expect to get some good news about your financial situation by week's end. But it could still be too early to rush out with a long shopping list of things to buy.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your management skills make an impression on some workplace VIPs who might be looking for someone like you to take on an upcoming project. Good luck.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Meeting a former adversary might be unsettling at first. But time has softened hard feelings, and you could be on the brink of starting a new relationship.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A troubling situation close to home might cause you to change your travel plans. But getting all the facts before you act might cause you to reconsider.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You might be quite alone right now in deciding to support a major workplace shift. But others will join you as new information supports your bold move.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A former coworker returns with news that could persuade you to reassess recently made plans. Be sure to consult with a trusted colleague before you act.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your motives behind a recent decision could be called into question by a rival. But once you present the facts, all doubts will be resolved. Enjoy an arts-rich weekend.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** While you love being the center of attention, your generous heart allows you to share the attention with others.

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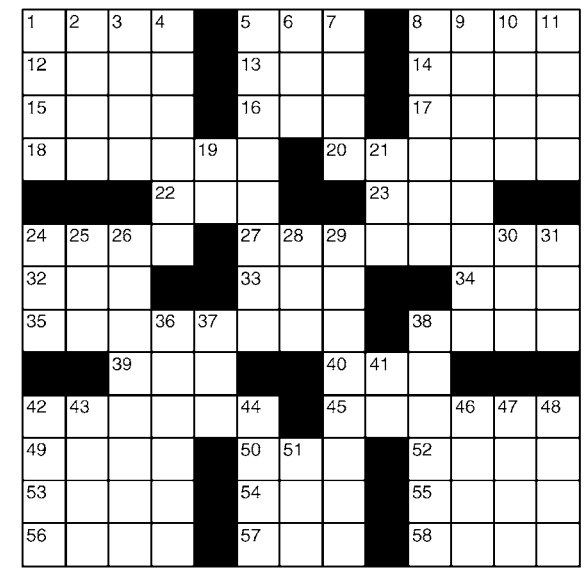

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12 Curved molding
13 Chit
14 Motion picture
15 Blueprint
16 Always, poetically
17 Descartes or Magritte
18 Regarding this document
20 Entertained
22 Sportscaster Scully
23 "Ugly Betty" network
24 Speck
27 Shelters closely
32 "... — a puddytat!"
33 Lubricate
34 Knock
35 Colombo is its capital
38 Quite
39 Stitch
40 Actor McBride
42 Sci-fi hybrid
45 Big fish, often
49 Bits and pieces
50 Frequently
52 Piece of merchandise
53 Actress McClurg
54 Mainlander's memento
55 Great Lake
56 Seeks damages
57 Old soap ingredient
58 File crosser

**DOWN**
1 Second-year student
2 Look lasciviously
3 Approach
4 Swiss metropolis
5 Imbibe (Sl.)
6 Affliction
7 Emanation
8 Hospital garb
9 Reason for OT
10 Boleyn or Hathaway
11 Marsh growth
19 Scale note
21 Long March leader
24 "Monty Python" opener
25 Scull need
26 Trash-bag closer
28 "Ferd'-nand" cartoonist
29 Formal
30 Scratch
31 Agent
36 Rental contracts
37 Plant bristle
38 TV audience member
41 That guy
42 Homer Simpson's local watering hole
43 Tongue akin to Hindi
44 Turnpike fee
46 Brazilian rubber
47 "— Brockovich"
48 Stench
51 Tina of "30 Rock"

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## top ten

### Great American Recipes

1. **Hamburger**
2. **BBQ Baby Back Ribs**
3. **Buffalo Chicken Wings**
4. **Chili Con Carne**
5. **Pizza**
6. **Macaroni and Cheese**
7. **Caesar Salad**
8. **Fried Chicken**
9. **Pancakes**
10. **Apple Pie**

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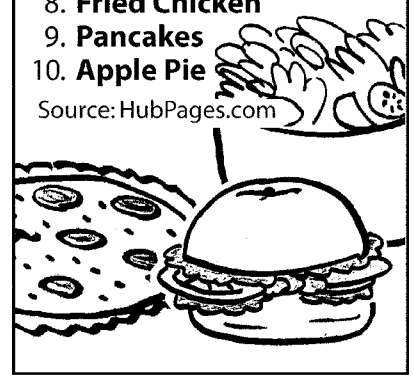

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# United States

# Suspect in anthrax deaths kills self

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Anthrax-laced letters that killed five people and severely rattled the post-9/11 nation may have been part of an Army scientist's warped plan to test his cure for the deadly toxin, officials said Friday. The brilliant but troubled scientist committed suicide this week, knowing prosecutors were closing in.

The sudden naming of scientist Bruce E. Ivins as the top - and perhaps only - suspect in the anthrax attacks marks the latest bizarre twist in a case that has confounded the FBI for nearly seven years. Last month, the Justice Department cleared Ivins' colleague, Steven Hatfill, who had been wrongly suspected in the case, and paid him $5.8 million.

Ivins worked at the Army's biological warfare defense labs at Fort Detrick, Md., for 35 years until his death on Tuesday. He was one of the government's leading scientists researching vaccines and cures for anthrax exposure. But he also had a long history of homicidal threats, according to papers filed last week in local court by a social worker.

The letters containing anthrax powder were sent on the heels of the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and turned up at congressional offices, newsrooms and elsewhere, leaving a deadly trail through post offices on the way. The powder killed five, sent numerous victims to hospitals and caused near panic in many locations.

**GIGANTIC BABIES** AP

Two belugas whale calves born this week swim between their mothers at Sea World in San Antonio, Friday, Aug. 1, 2008. The calves, not yet named, were born Sunday to 9-year-old mother Whisper and Thursday to 22-year-old mother Sikku.

## Starved, disabled girl was failed at every turn

**PHILADELPHIA** (AP)—For days before Danieal Kelly died in a fetid, airless room—made stifling hot by a midsummer heat wave—the bedridden teenager begged for something to drink until she could muster only one word: water.

Unable to help herself because of her cerebral palsy, she wasted away from malnutrition and maggot-infested bedsores that ate her flesh. She died alone on a putrid mattress in her mother's home, the floor covered in feces. She was 14 but weighed just 42 pounds.

Andrea Kelly

The nightmare of forced starvation and infection that killed Danieal while she was under the protection of the city's human services agency is documented in a 258-page grand jury report released this week that charges nine people—her parents, four social workers and three family friends—in her ghastly death.

The report describes a mother, Andrea Kelly, who was embarrassed by her disabled daughter and didn't want to touch her, take her out in public, change her diapers or make sure she had enough fluids. It portrays Daniel Kelly, the father who once had custody of Danieal, as having no interest in raising her.

And it accuses the city Department of Human Services of being "uncaring and incompetent."

"It was this indifference that helped kill Danieal Kelly," an angry District Attorney Lynne Abraham said. "How is it possible for this to have happened?"

The report should "outrage the entire Philadelphia community" and bring about "earth-shattering, cataclysmic changes" at the Department of Human Services, Abraham said.

Andrea Kelly, 39, the only defendant charged with murder, was ordered held Friday without bail. The social workers—suspected of falsifying home visits and progress reports in the case—face charges ranging from child endangerment to involuntary manslaughter. The family friends are accused of lying to the grand jury about the girl's condition before her death.

None of the lawyers for any of the defendants had any immediate comment.

Human Services Commissioner Anne Marie Ambrose, in office only a month, said Thursday that she is intent on improving child safety and worker accountability in an agency that has repeatedly been accused of failing to protect children.

Late Friday, the city announced the resignation of Assistant Health Commissioner Carmen Paris. The grand jury had accused Paris of interfering in the investigation of the girl's death while she was acting health commissioner, but found insufficient evidence to charge her with obstruction of justice.

## Obama shifts, says he may back offshore drilling

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.** (AP)—Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama said Friday he would be willing to support limited additional offshore oil drilling if that's what it takes to enact a comprehensive policy to foster fuel-efficient autos and develop alternate energy sources.

Shifting from his previous opposition to expanded offshore drilling, the Illinois senator told a Florida newspaper he could get behind a compromise with Republicans and oil companies to prevent gridlock over energy.

Republican rival John McCain, who earlier dropped his opposition to offshore drilling, has been criticizing Obama on the stump and in broadcast ads for clinging to his opposition as gasoline prices topped $4 a gallon. Polls indicate these attacks have helped McCain gain ground on Obama.

"My interest is in making sure we've got the kind of comprehensive energy policy that can bring down gas prices," Obama said in an interview with The Palm Beach Post.

"If, in order to get that passed, we have to compromise in terms of a careful, well thought-out drilling strategy that was carefully circumscribed to avoid significant environmental damage - I don't want to be so rigid that we can't get something done."

Asked about Obama's comment, McCain said, "We need oil drilling and we need it now offshore. He has consistently opposed it. He has opposed nuclear power. He has opposed reprocessing. He has opposed storage." The GOP candidate said Obama doesn't have a plan equal to the nation's energy challenges.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Settlement will reduce carcinogens in potato chips

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Four food manufacturers have agreed to reduce levels of a cancer-causing chemical in their potato chips and french fries in a settlement with the state of California. The California attorney general's office announced the deals Friday with Heinz, Frito-Lay, Kettle Foods and Lance Inc. The lawsuits were filed under a state law that requires companies to post warnings about carcinogens in their products. The attorney general's office sued the manufacturers and several fast food companies in 2005 because their products contained high levels of acrylamide. The office says the companies agreed to lower the levels and pay a combined $3 million in fines.

#### Airport boss: Runway where jet crashed is adequate

OWATONNA, Minn. (AP)—The manager of a regional airport where eight people died in the crash of a business jet said Friday that the 5,500-foot runway is adequate, noting that similar aircraft land there routinely. "It's a good business line," Dave Beaver said of the runway. Beaver, manager of the Owatonna Degner Regional Airport, said severe weather in the area had calmed down by the time the Hawker jet crashed at about 9:45 a.m. He said he would let investigators decide whether the airport's systems were working properly at the time of the crash. National Transportation Safety Board investigators were surveying the wreckage and looking for clues Friday.

#### Court official: Trial off in Comair crash

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP)—A federal judge called off a trial Friday to hear lawsuits stemming from a 2006 plane crash that killed 49 people in Kentucky after family members and the airline reached settlements in most of the cases. Mark Armstrong, chief deputy clerk for U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, confirmed the Monday trial was canceled. Details of the settlements have not been released. The lawsuits claimed Comair was negligent because its pilots steered the plane in the pre-dawn darkness to the wrong runway, one that was too short for a proper takeoff. The jet hit trees and a perimeter fence before crashing in a farm next to Lexington's Blue Grass Airport.

## Man arrested in ambush on 3 Wis. swimmers

**NIAGARA, Wis.** (AP)—A gunman suspected of opening fire on a group of young swimmers gathered along a riverbank was arrested Friday after he emerged from woods near the scene where three teenagers were slain and a fourth person was wounded.

Johnson

Scott J. Johnson, 38, was dressed in camouflage when deputies confronted him following an all-night manhunt. He dropped his assault rifle as officers approached.

"We believe he was in the woods and near our officers, who were also in the woods all night," said Jerry Sauve, chief's deputy sheriff in Marinette County.

Nine young adults had gathered at a railroad bridge to go swimming in the Menominee River when the gunman appeared Thursday afternoon and opened fire, authorities said.

Investigators have not determined a motive. The sheriff said there was no communication between the gunman and his victims.

Johnson, who was from the nearby town of Iron Mountain, Mich., was being held in jail to await an initial court appearance. He had not been formally charged, and the jail did not know whether he had an attorney.

# Asia

# Beijing readies for influx of thousands of visitors

**BEIJING** (AP)—In a matter of days, hundreds of thousands of visitors from more than 100 countries will flood into China's capital, where non-Chinese faces are still a rarity in some neighborhoods.

The Beijing Olympics will be the largest gathering of foreigners in China in recent history—the biggest foreign influx since the Mongol invasion—and a social experiment of sorts for a country that is overwhelmingly monochromatic.

More than 90 percent of the population is Han Chinese, and many of the minorities do not have radically different features.

"It will be a cultural exchange. Foreigners will experience China and Chinese people will learn more about foreign cultures," Liu Yiyuan, a 60-year-old silver-haired cobbler, said with a toothless smile.

Chinese reactions vary to tourists and the more than 1.1 million foreigners who now live in Beijing, a city of 17 million people. Some are indifferent, others are cautious or just plain curious.

"Hello!" is sometimes shouted in English in the direction of a passing foreigner. A blonde head of hair or dark skin can draw crowds in Tiananmen Square, which is almost always packed with visitors from overseas and other parts of China. Foreigners are occasionally asked to pose for a photo, sometimes with a Chinese child.

### Chinese officials assess Olympics terrorist threat

**BEIJING** (AP)—A Chinese army officer warned Friday that Islamic separatists are the biggest threat to the Olympics, but a regional official played down the danger. At a rare briefing one week ahead of the opening of the games, Sen. Colonel Tian Yixiang of the Olympics security command center told reporters the biggest threat came from "the East Turkestan terrorist organization"- the government's standard term for jihadist groups seeking to establish an Islamic state in China's far western region of Xinjiang. A secondary threat came from Tibetan separatists who the government accused of orchestrating a wave of violent protests in western China in the spring, Tian said.

### Chinese cheered by eclipse a week before Olympics

**XI'AN, China** (AP)—Finally, China had an act of nature it could celebrate. After an Olympic year of freakish natural disasters, crowds of Chinese watched a total solar eclipse along the country's ancient Silk Road on Friday, one week before the start of the Summer Games in Beijing. It was a welcome respite after a 2008 that began with heavy snowstorms at the Chinese New Year, followed by China's deadliest earthquake in a generation, then river flooding—and even a huge algae bloom at the Olympic sailing site. Online, some Chinese murmured about curses. But on Friday evening, the eclipse—once a bad omen for China's imperial rulers—was cheered by a country eager for any auspicious sign before the games. State media called China's first solar eclipse of the century the "Olympics eclipse," and TV stations broadcast it live.

### Some Web sites unblocked for Olympics, but not all

**BEIJING** (AP)—Olympic organizers unblocked some Internet sites at the main press center and media venues Friday while others remained off limits for journalists covering the Beijing games. The move falls short of the "free and unfettered access" the organizers and Chinese officials had promised for months. However, it was an improvement from earlier in the week when sites for the likes of Amnesty International or Tiananmen Square could not be opened.

## 6 dead, one wounded in clashes with RP rebels

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Philippine officials say three soldiers and three communist rebels have been killed as the guerrillas step up attacks.

Army Lt. Col. Antonio Lastimado said Friday that troops were pursuing New People's Army rebels suspected of burning a cellular phone tower in northern Kalinga province when they clashed, killing three soldiers and wounding one.

Separately, regional police chief Isagani Cuevas said troops raided a house in central Tapaz town where about 20 rebels were resting, triggering a battle that killed two guerrillas.

A rebel was also reported killed in eastern Mauban town, where soldiers overran a guerrilla camp.

The rebels have increased their 40-year-old Maoist insurgency since quitting peace talks four years ago.

## 5 NATO troops killed in Afghanistan

**KABUL, Afghanistan** (AP)—Roadside bombs killed five NATO soldiers and a civilian in eastern Afghanistan on Friday, while a coalition of aid groups warned that violence is spreading to once-stable regions and forcing them to scale back humanitarian work.

The soldiers' deaths marked a bloody start to the month in what has already been a deadly year for the separate U.S.-led coalition and NATO mission in Afghanistan, where an insurgency is raging nearly seven years after the fundamentalist Taliban regime was ousted.

Four of the NATO soldiers and a civilian died in Kunar province and the fifth soldier was killed in Khost, the alliance said in a statement. It did not release the nationalities of the soldiers, but most troops in those eastern areas are American.

The number of insurgent attacks in eastern Afghanistan have increased 40 percent this year compared to the same period in 2007. Afghan officials contend most of the militants fighting in the east use Pakistan's tribal areas across the border as a base.

A suicide bomber, meanwhile, blew himself up while being chased by police in the southwestern town of Zaranj in Nimroz province, and the blast killed three civilians, including two young girls, and wounded five others, Afghan authorities said.

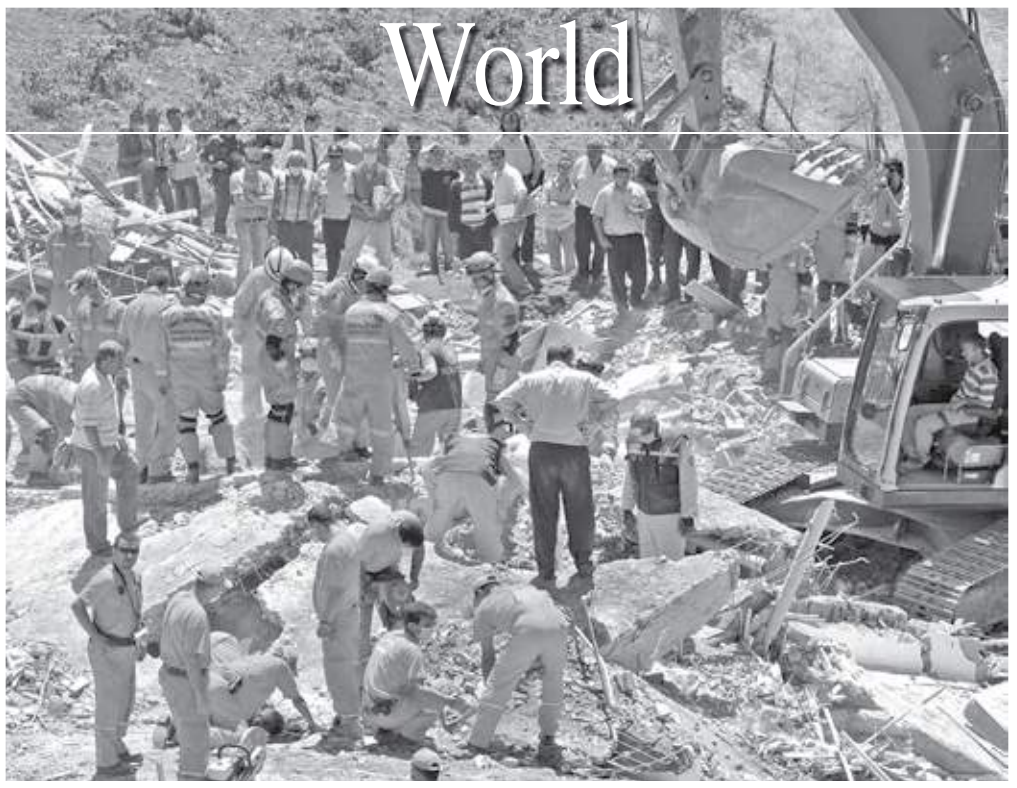
Militants regularly use suicide bombing in attacks aimed at Afghan and foreign security forces, but the majority of victims are civilians.

The Taliban-led insurgency has been particularly strong in the south and east, but the Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief noted Friday that violence is now reaching other provinces, even those bordering the capital, Kabul, such as Logar and Wardak.

"Insecurity has spread to areas which were previously relatively stable in parts of north, northwest and central Afghanistan," the umbrella organization for 100 aid groups said in a statement.

Drawing on other recent reports, it said that "aid organizations and their staff have been subject to increasing attacks, threats and intimidation, by both insurgent and criminal groups."

# World



AP

Rescue workers work in the debris searching for a possible survivor in the village of Balcilar in central Anatolian province of Konya, Turkey, Friday, Aug. 1, 2008.

## 17 die in Turkey dorm blast

**ISTANBUL, Turkey** (AP)—An explosion destroyed a three-story girls dormitory in central Turkey on Friday, killing at least 17 students, injuring 27 and setting off a frantic search for others trapped in the rubble.

Rescuers working late into the night—removing debris with shovels, pickaxes and their bare hands—pulled out two survivors, leaving at least one girl unaccounted for.

"We won't stop until we find her," Mehmet Demirgul, mayor of Balcilar where the collapse occurred, told the Associated Press.

Officials said about 45 girls between ages of 8 and 16 were staying at the dormitory as they attended Quran courses during the school summer break.

Demirgul said a leaking pipe carrying liquefied petroleum gas likely caused the pre-dawn blast.

Student Merve Avci said she arose before morning prayers when she and some teachers heard a strange sound and went to the kitchen to investigate, according to Anatolia news agency.

There, they saw a loose gas pipe. She quickly returned to her room, but the smell of gas soon invaded the building and then the explosion erupted.

The blast leveled most of the structure, but she was in a small section that remained intact, according to the Anatolia report. She said flames rose from the basement toward the top of the building.

Ugur Ibrahim Altay, head of a local civil engineers organization, questioned the structural integrity of the 18-year-old building.

"If better material was used, it would at least not turn into rubble like this," he said.

In 2004, an 11-story apartment building collapsed in Konya, killing 92 residents. The collapse was blamed on faulty refurbishment work. A year earlier, a school dormitory in Bingol, southeast Turkey, collapsed in an earthquake, killing 83 children.

## Brazilian man confessed to killing teen

**GOIANIA, Brazil** (AP)—The Brazilian man accused of killing and dismembering a British teenager and stuffing her torso in a suitcase confessed to the murder on Friday in a deposition to police, his lawyer said.

"He confessed," Odair de Meneses said, referring to Mohamed D'Ali Carvalho Santos. "But he is not fully responsible for his acts because he was taking drugs nonstop during the four days prior to the killing."

After the four-hour deposition, a British reporter asked Santos if he had anything to say to the girl's mother.

"Tell her I am sorry," Santos responded in English. "I did not know what I was doing."

Earlier, Santos told The Associated Press that he doesn't remember most of what happened the night Cara Marie Burke died because he was high on cocaine.

"I don't remember much," Santos said in an interview through the bars of his jail cell. "I had used too many drugs."

AP

Vince Weiguang Li, 40, is led into the Manitoba Provicial Court in Portage La Prairie, Man. on Friday Aug. 1, 2008.

### Bus attack suspect charged with murder

**TORONTO** (AP)—A man who witnesses said stabbed and beheaded his seat mate on a Greyhound bus in Canada made his first court appearance Friday, while police offered no motive for the savage attack against a 22-year-old carnival worker.

Vince Weiguang Li, 40, of Edmonton, Alberta, was charged with second-degree murder, an indication police don't think the attack was premeditated. He shuffled into the courtroom Friday in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba with his head bowed and feet shackled.

Li, whose face was bruised and one hand bandaged, did not reply when the judge asked him whether he was going to get a lawyer, and only nodded slightly when asked whether he was exercising his right not to speak. He was not required to enter a plea.

The prosecutor asked for a psychiatric assessment, but the judge said he wanted to give Li a chance to meet with his lawyer. Li's next court appearance is scheduled for Tuesday.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said Li, who worked as a newspaper carrier in Edmonton, has no known criminal record.

# Focus

# Soldier in famous photo never defeated 'demons'

**PINEHURST, N.C.** (AP)— Officers had been to the white ranch house at 560 W. Longleaf many times before over the past year to respond to a "barricade situation." Each had ended uneventfully, with Joseph Dwyer coming out or telling police in a calm voice through the window that he was OK.

But this time was different.

The Iraq War veteran had called a taxi service to take him to the emergency room. But when the driver arrived, Dwyer shouted that he was too weak to get up and open the door.

The officers asked Dwyer for permission to kick it in.

"Go ahead!" he yelled.

They found Dwyer lying on his back, his clothes soiled with urine and feces. Scattered on the floor around him were dozens of spent cans of Dust-Off, a refrigerant-based aerosol normally used to clean electrical equipment.

Dwyer told police Lt. Mike Wilson he'd been "huffing" the aerosol.

"Help me, please!" the former Army medic begged Wilson. "I'm dying. Help me. I can't breathe."

Unable to stand or even sit up, Dwyer was hoisted onto a stretcher. As paramedics prepared to load him into an ambulance, an officer noticed Dwyer's eyes had glassed over and were fixed.

A half hour later, he was dead.

When Dionne Knapp learned of her friend's June 28 death, her first reaction was to be angry at Dwyer. How could he leave his wife and daughter like this? Didn't he know he had friends who cared about him, who wanted to help?

But as time passed, Knapp's anger turned toward the Army.

A photograph taken in the first days of the war had made the medic from New York's Long Island a symbol of the United States' good intentions in the Middle East. When he returned home, he was hailed as a hero.

But for most of the past five years, the 31-year-old soldier had writhed in a private hell, shooting at imaginary enemies and dodging nonexistent roadside bombs, sleeping in a closet bunker and trying desperately to huff away the "demons" in his head. When his personal problems became public, efforts were made to help him, but nothing seemed to work.

This broken, frightened man had once been the embodiment of American might and compassion. If the military couldn't save him, Knapp thought, what hope was there for the thousands suffering in anonymity?

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Like many, Dwyer joined the military in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks.

His father and three brothers are all cops. One brother, who worked in Lower Manhattan, happened to miss his train that morning and so hadn't been there when the World Trade Center towers collapsed.

Joseph, the second-youngest of six, decided that he wanted to get the people who'd "knocked my towers down."

And he wanted to be a medic. (Dwyer's first real job was as a transporter for a hospital in the golf resort town of Pinehurst, where his parents had moved after retirement.)

In 2002, Dwyer was sent to Fort Bliss, Texas. The jokester immediately fell in with three colleagues - Angela Minor, Sgt. Jose Salazar, and Knapp. They spent so much time together after work that comrades referred to them as "The Four Musketeers."

Knapp had two young children and was going through a messy divorce. Dwyer stepped in as a surrogate dad, showing up in uniform at her son Justin's kindergarten and coming by the house to assemble toys that Knapp couldn't figure out.

When it became clear that the U.S. would invade Iraq, Knapp became distraught, confiding to Dwyer that she would rather disobey her deployment orders than leave her kids.

Dwyer asked to go in her place. When she protested, he insisted: "Trust me, this is what I want to do. I want to go." After a week of nagging, his superiors relented.

Dwyer assured his parents, Maureen and Patrick - and his new wife, Matina, whom he'd married in August 2002 - that he was being sent to Kuwait and would likely stay in the rear, far from the action.

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In this March 25, 2003 file photo, PFC Joseph Dwyer, 26, from Mt. Sinai, NY, runs while carrying a young Iraqi boy who was injured during a heavy battle between the U.S. Army's 7th Cavalry Regiment and Iraqi forces near the village of Al Faysaliyah, Iraq.

But it wasn't true. Unbeknownst to his family, Dwyer had been attached to the 3rd Infantry's 7th Cavalry Regiment. He was at "the tip of the tip of the spear," in one officer's phrase.

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This December 2007 photo provided by the Dwyer family shows Joseph Dwyer, left, with his wife Matina and daughter Meagan while in treatment at Northport Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Northport, N.Y.

During the push into Baghdad, Dwyer's unit came under heavy fire. An airstrike called in to suppress ambush fire rocked the convoy.

As the sun rose along the Euphrates River on March 25, 2003, Army Times photographer Warren Zinn watched as a man ran toward the soldiers carrying a white flag and his injured 4-year-old son. Zinn clicked away as Dwyer darted out to meet the man, then returned, cradling the boy in his arms.

The photo - of a half-naked boy, a kaffiyeh scarf tied around his shrapnel-injured leg and his mouth set in a grimace of pain, and of a bespectacled Dwyer dressed in full battle gear, his M-16 rifle dangling by his side - appeared on front pages and magazine covers around the world.

Suddenly, everyone wanted to interview the soldier in "the photo." Dwyer was given a "Hometown Hero" award by child-safety advocate John Walsh; the Army awarded him the Combat Medical Badge for service under enemy fire.

The attention embarrassed him.

"Really, I was just one of a group of guys," he told a military publication. "I wasn't standing out more than anyone else."

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Returning to the U.S. in June 2003, after 91 days in Iraq, Dwyer seemed a shell to friends.

When he deployed, he was pudgy at 6-foot-1 and 220 pounds. Now he weighed around 165, and the other Musketeers immediately thought of post-traumatic stress disorder.

Dwyer attributed his skeletal appearance to long days and a diet of MREs (Meals Ready to Eat). He showed signs of his jolly old self, so his friends accepted his explanation.

They soon noticed changes that were more than cosmetic.

At restaurants, Dwyer insisted on sitting with his back to the wall so no one could sneak up on him. He turned down invitations to the movies, saying the theaters were too crowded. He said the desert landscape around El Paso, and the dark-skinned Hispanic population, reminded him of Iraq.

Dwyer, raised Roman Catholic but never particularly religious before, now would spend lunchtime by himself, poring over his Bible.

When people would teasingly call him "war hero" and ask him to tell about his experiences, or about the famous photo, he would steer the conversation toward the others he'd served with. But Dwyer once confided that another image, also involving a child, disturbed him.

He was standing next to a soldier during a firefight when a boy rode up on a bicycle and stopped beside a weapon lying in the dirt. Under his breath, the soldier beside Dwyer whispered, "Don't pick it up, kid. Don't pick it up."

The boy reached for the weapon and was blasted off his bike.

In late 2004, Dwyer sent e-mails to Zinn, wondering if the photographer had "heard anything else about the kid" from the photo, and claiming he was

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# Life & Style

# Keep your cool with big, bold and bright shades

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Sure, there are plenty of utilitarian reasons to don a pair of shades during the dog days of summer: UVA/UVB protection/cataract-and-crow's-feet prevention/glare blockage, blah, blah, blah. And of course, there's no better cure for a bad face day than a pair of Garboesque frames.

But a little frivolity is good for the soul. This season's frippery du jour: color. We're talking bright bolts of neon, pastels, Day-Glo white. Right now, bigger is generally better. (Like the Olsen twins, but minus the bag-lady affectations.) Christian Dior's squared-off orange whoppers do the trick, as do Ray-Ban's Wayfarers in a sweet, mauvey-pink. (Like Tom Cruise in "Risky Business." If, that is, Joel Goodsen favored girly pink.) For those looking for a scaled-down look, in price as well as size, check out Nannini Solemio Kiss #2 violet shades for Target.

And unless you're a fashionista who's got an image to uphold—runway lights are so blinding from the front row!—please confine your shade-wearing to the great outdoors. The I-wear-my-sunglasses-at-night thing reached its expiration date about the same time that Corey Hart's career did.

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Keep your cool with big, bold and bright shades. From top, Dior 60's large sunglasses ($275), Nannini Solemio Kiss #2 sunglasses ($25) from Target and Fossil's Jessy sunglasses ($38).

**PRODUCT INFO:**

- Dior 60's large sunglasses in orange, $275, available at Bloomingdale's and Bloomingdales.com.
- Chanel sunglasses in purple, $340, available at Neiman Marcus.
- Fossil Jessy sunglasses in red, $38, at Fossil.com.
- Nannini Solemio Kiss #2 sunglasses in icy violet, $25, available at Target and Target.com.
- Ray-Ban Classic Wayfarer sunglasses in pink, $139, available at Nordstrom and Nordstrom.com.

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"doing fine out here in Fort Bliss, Texas."

But Dwyer wasn't doing fine. Earlier that year, he'd been prescribed antidepressants and referred for counseling by a doctor. Still, his behavior went from merely odd to dangerous.

One day, he swerved to avoid what he thought was a roadside bomb and crashed into a convenience store sign. He began answering his apartment door with a pistol in his hand and would call friends from his car in the middle of the night, babbling and disoriented from sniffing inhalants.

Matina told friends that he was seeing imaginary Iraqis all around him. Despite all this, the Army had not taken his weapons.

In the summer of 2005, he was removed to the barracks for 72 hours after trashing the apartment looking for an enemy infiltrator. He was admitted to Bliss' William Beaumont Army Medical Center for treatment of his inhalant addiction.

But things continued to worsen. That October, the Musketeers decided it was time for an "intervention."

Minor, who had moved to New York, overdrew her bank account and flew down. She, Knapp and Salazar went to the apartment and pleaded with Dwyer to give up his guns, or at least his ammunition.

"I'm sorry, guys," he told them. "But there's no way I'm giving up my weapons."

After talking for about an hour and a half, Dwyer agreed to let Matina lock the weapons up. The group went for a walk in a nearby park, and Dwyer seemed happier than he'd been in months.

But Dwyer's paranoia soon returned - and worsened.

On Oct. 6, 2005, when superiors went to the couple's off-base apartment to persuade Dwyer to return to the hospital, Dwyer barricaded himself in. Imagining Iraqis swarming up the sides and across the roof, he fired his pistol through the door, windows and ceiling.

After a three-hour standoff, Dwyer's eldest brother, Brian, also a police officer, managed to talk him down over the phone. Dwyer was admitted for psychiatric treatment.

In a telephone interview later that month from what he called the "nut hut" at Beaumont, Dwyer told Newsday that he'd lied on a post-deployment questionnaire that asked whether he'd been disturbed by what he'd seen and done in Iraq. The reason: A PTSD diagnosis could interfere with his plans to seek a police job. Besides, he'd been conditioned to see it as a sign of weakness.

"I'm a soldier," he said. "I suck it up. That's our job."

Dwyer told the newspaper that he'd blown off counseling before but was committed to embracing his treatment this time. He said he hoped to become an envoy to others who avoided treatment for fear of damaging their careers.

"There's a lot of soldiers suffering in silence," he said.

In January 2006, Joseph and Matina Dwyer moved back to North Carolina, away from the place that reminded him so much of the battlefield. But his shadow enemy followed him here.

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Dwyer was discharged from the Army in March 2006 and living off disability. That May, Matina Dwyer gave birth to a daughter, Meagan Kaleigh.

He seemed to be getting by, but setbacks would occur without warning.

On the Fourth of July, he and family were fishing off the back deck when the fireworks display began. Dwyer bolted inside and hid under a bed.

In June 2007, police responded to a call that Dwyer was "having some mental problems related to PTSD." A captain talked him into going to the emergency room.

Later that month, Matina Dwyer moved in with her parents and obtained a protective order. In the complaint, she said Dwyer had purchased an AR-15 assault rifle and become angry when she refused to return it.

"He said that he was coming to my residence to get his gun back," she wrote in the June 25, 2007, complaint. "He was coming packed with guns and someone was going to die tonight." She declined to be interviewed for this story.

In July 2007, Dwyer checked into an inpatient program at New York's Northport Veterans Affairs Medical Center. He stayed for six months.

He came home in March with more than a dozen prescriptions. He was so medicated that his feet flopped when he walked, as if he were wearing oversized clown shoes.

The VA's solution was a "pharmaceutical lobotomy," his father thought.

But within five days of his discharge, Dwyer's symptoms had returned with such ferocity that the family decided it was time to get Matina and 2-year-old Meagan out. While Dwyer was off buying inhalants, his parents helped spirit them away.

On April 10, weary and fearful, Matina Dwyer filed for custody and division of property.

Without his wife and daughter to anchor him, Dwyer's grip on reality loosened further. He reverted to Iraq time, sleeping during the day and "patrolling" all night. Unable to possess a handgun, he placed knives around the house for protection.

In those last months, Dwyer opened up a little to his parents.

What bothered him most, he said, was the sheer volume of the gunfire. He talked about the grisly wounds he'd treated and dwelled on the people he was unable to save. His nasal membranes seemed indelibly stained with the scents of the battlefield - the sickeningly sweet odor of rotting flesh and the metallic smell of blood.

Yet despite all that, Dwyer continued to talk about going back to Iraq. He told his parents that if he could just get back with his comrades and do his job, things would right themselves.

When Maureen Dwyer first saw Zinn's famous photo, she'd had a premonition that it might be the last picture she'd ever see of Joseph.

"I just didn't think he was going to come home," she said. "And he never did."

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An autopsy is pending, but police are treating Dwyer's death as an accidental overdose.

His friends and family see it differently.

The day of the 2005 standoff, Knapp spent hours on the telephone trying to get help for Dwyer. She was frustrated by a military bureaucracy that would not act unless his petrified wife complained, and with a civilian system that insisted Dwyer was the military's problem.

In a letter to post commander Maj. Gen. Robert Lennox, Knapp expressed anger that Army officials who were "proud to display him as a hero ... now had turned their back on him..."

"Joseph Dwyer who had left to Iraq one of the nicest, kindest, caring, self-sacrificing and patriotic people I have ever known," she wrote, "was forced to witness and commit acts completely contrary to his nature and returned a tormented, confused disillusioned shadow of his former self that was not being given the help he needed."

While Dwyer was in the service, Minor said, the Army controlled every aspect of his life.

"So someone should have taken him by the hand and said, `We're putting you in the hospital, and you're staying there until you get fixed - until you're back to normal."

But Dr. Antonette Zeiss, deputy chief of the VA's Office of Mental Health, said it's not that simple.

"Veterans are civilians, and VA is guided by state law about involuntary commitment," she told the AP. "There are civil liberties, and VA respects that those civil liberties are important."

The family would not authorize the VA to release Dwyer's medical records. But it appears that Dwyer was sometimes unwilling—or unable—to make the best use of the programs available. In an e-mail to The Associated Press, Lennox, the former Bliss post commander, wrote that Dwyer "had a great (in my opinion) care giver."

Zeiss said the best treatment for PTSD is exposure-based psychotherapy, in which the patient is made "to engage in thoughts, feelings and conversations about the trauma." While caregivers must be 100 percent committed to creating an environment in which the veteran feels comfortable confronting those demons, she said the patient must be equally committed to following through.

"And so it's a dance between the clinicians and the patient."

Paul Rieckhoff, executive director of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, feels the VA is a lousy dance partner.

Rieckhoff said the VA's is a "passive system" whose arcane rules and regulations make it hard for veterans to find help. And when they do get help, he said, it is often inadequate.

"I consider (Dwyer) a battlefield casualty," he said, "because he was still fighting the war in his head."

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The Sunday after the Fourth of July, Knapp attended services at Scotsdale Baptist, the El Paso church where she and Dwyer had been baptized together in 2004.

On the way out of the sanctuary, Knapp checked her phone and noticed an e-mail.

"I didn't know if you had heard or not," a friend wrote, "but I got an email from Matina this morning saying that Joseph had died on Saturday and that the funeral was today."

Knapp maintained her composure long enough to get herself and the children to the car. Then she lost it.

The children asked what was wrong.

"Joseph is dead," she told them.

"You said he wasn't sick any more," Justin said.

"I know, Justin," his mother replied. "But I guess maybe the help wasn't working like we thought it was."

The kids were too young to understand acronyms like PTSD or to hear a lecture about how Knapp thought the system had failed Dwyer. So she told them that, just as they sometimes have nightmares, "sometimes people get those nightmares in their head and they just can't get them out, no matter what."

Despite the efforts she made to get help for Dwyer, Knapp is trying to cope with a deep-seated guilt. She knows that Dwyer shielded her from the images that had haunted him.

"I think about all the torture that he went through when he came back, and I think that all of that stuff could have happened to me," she said, stifling a sob. "I just owe him so much for that."

Since Dwyer's death, Justin, now 9, has taken to carrying a newspaper clipping of the Zinn photo around with him. Occasionally, Knapp will catch him huddled with a playmate, showing the photo and telling him about the soldier who used to come to his school and assemble his toys.

Justin wants them to know all about Spc. Joseph Dwyer. His hero.

# Person close to deal: Jolie-Pitt pix for $14M

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Exclusive photos of Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie's newborn twins fetched $14 million, a person involved in the negotiations told The Associated Press, giving People magazine and a British tabloid joint rights to publish the most expensive celebrity pictures ever sold.

The person asked not to be named because he was not authorized to release the figure. People will feature twin babies Vivienne Marcheline and Knox Leon in an issue to hit newsstands Monday, spokeswoman Nancy Valentino said Friday.

The money—more than double the $6 million People paid for Jennifer Lopez' twins on a March cover, according to Forbes—will go to a foundation created by Pitt and Jolie that largely focuses on helping children around the world.

It's the second time the celebrity weekly won the North American rights to the couple's first-look baby pictures, and the third time they've worked with the two magazines in exchange for a hefty donation to charity.

"We're thrilled to be able to feature these pictures in People," managing editor Larry Hackett said in a statement.

People will split the bill with London-based Hello! magazine, which has worldwide rights; particulars of the division were not disclosed. People.com will unveil the first photo online Sunday evening.

Even before the babies were born July 12 in Nice, France, the speculation began over which celeb mag would come out on top of an inevitable bidding war. The couple ultimately chose to go a familiar route with its joint deal between People and Hello!, with Getty Images as the photographer and go-between.

People ponied up a reported $4 million donation for the U.S. rights to the first shots of their daughter Shiloh, now 2 years old, while Hello! obtained the British rights. And last year, the couple sold intimate shots of their son Pax, then 3 years old, to Hello! and People.

Getty Images, which was involved in the Shiloh deal, also took part this time around. In a statement, Getty co-founder and CEO Jonathan Klein said his company was "delighted that all proceeds from these stunning images will once again be donated entirely to charity."

When People the published six photos of Pitt, Jolie and baby Shiloh in June 2006, the issue moved 2.2 million copies, its biggest seller at the time going back to its 4 million-selling 9/11 special, Media Week reported at the time.

AP

In this May 15, 2008 file photo, American actors Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie arrive for the premiere of the film "Kung Fu Panda," during the 61st International film festival in Cannes, southern France. People magazine has scored the U.S. rights to exclusive photos of Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie's newborn twins, a representative for the magazine told The Associated Press on Friday.

## THREE WISE GUYS

# Jackalopes, X inequities, bald heads

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The Washington Post offers Three Wise Guys, advice on life and other stuff from the male perspective, perpetrated by Post staffers, from left, Justin Rude, Joe Heim and Dan Zak. It may not be professional advice, but their responses to reader questions serve up a deft handling of any conceivable topic.

**Dear Wise Guys:**

**I want to know if jackalopes really exist. Or are they just bunnies with antler implants?—Susan**

**Dan:** I recently drove through Wall, S.D., home of the famous megastore Wall Drug. There, I found a giant jackalope — at least 15 feet tall. We approached it with caution. Gently, my friend climbed on its back, and I took a picture of her. The jackalope did not move. In fact, it stayed very still, as if it were a fake, as if it were an oversize representation of something that doesn't exist, never did and never will.

**Joe**: I had jackalope once, and it was delicious. Tasted like prickly pear.

**Dan:** Joe's 18-month-old child is half jackalope.

**Joe:** And half of him is as cute as can be.

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**Dear Wise Guys:**

**Here's one for you: Alyce is a size 2, Babs is a size 18 and Carol wears a 1X. Alyce and Babs pay $25 for the same skirt, even though there is more material in the larger size. But Carol must pay $32.50 for her skirt, even though there isn't that much more material in a 1X than in an 18. Well! Wise Guys, I know you will have an explanation that will not be insulting to those in the X category!—Donna**

**Joe:** Is this one of those "What time is it when the two trains pass each other" questions? I hate math.

**Dan:** The answer is C) 3:30 p.m.

**Joe:** Anyway, here's what we know about the fashion industry and retail pricing: nothing. But we asked for input from our savvy colleague and honorary Wise Gal (she insisted on that title) Ylan Mui, who covers retail for The Post's Business section.

**Ylan:** I consulted with Dan Butler, vice president of merchandising and retail operations at the National Retail Federation. The difference in price mainly comes from the fact that the 1X is considered "plus size." It might have been produced separately from the mainstream sizes and in smaller quantities, which would drive up the price. Also, though the 1X skirt might look the same, it could be constructed differently than the other sizes, with extra seams or support panels that make it more expensive. Short people who need "petite" sizes can also face this problem, even though our clothes require less fabric. (OK, that sounds weird, but you know what I mean!)

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**Dear Wise Guys:**

**I am bald as an egg and use soap to wash my head (like the rest of my body). My wife insists that I should use shampoo. Her logic: Shampoo cleans roots. (I still might have hair roots.) I think this would mean one should shampoo other parts of the body where one has hair. What is your expert advice?—Madan**

**Justin:** I spoke with Pirooz Sarshar, of the Grooming Lounge, to get to the bottom of this debate. Your wife is right, but not for the reason she thinks. The question, it turns out, is all about moisture. "Soap is so high in alkaline that it's going to dry out your head," Sarshar explains. "Then what happens is that your body assumes there is no oil being created, so it creates more, and you end up with a scalp that is both dry and oily. The best thing to do is create balance by using a moisturizing shampoo or body wash."

He also suggests getting an SPF booster to protect your head from harmful UV rays, but that's a big leap, and I think we may need to start with baby steps.

**Joe:** You can also try covering your head in ice for 20 minutes, then pour liquid chocolate over it and wait till it freezes into a delicious head-shaped shell. This has nothing to do with the shampoo-soap debate. I just think it'd be cool to try.

**Dan:** Joe has already tried it on his jackababy.

# Court extends Britney Spears' conservatorship

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Britney Spears will remain under her father's care for a few more months, but she may ring in 2009 on her own terms. James Spears' control over his pop star daughter's life was extended through the end of the year Thursday by Los Angeles Superior Court commissioner Reva Goetz. The arrangement could end sooner; Goetz scheduled an update on Spears' progress for the end of October.

Spears

Since February, James Spears has controlled all aspects of his daughter's personal and financial affairs. He was granted that power after months of erratic behavior by Spears that resulted in two hospitalizations.

Goetz said Thursday that Spears is "reluctantly agreeing" to the extension of her father's control. She did not elaborate and attorneys declined comment after the hearing.

There have been signs in recent days that Spears' condition is improving. Last week, She settled a long-running dispute with ex-husband Kevin Federline, which allows her additional visits with her young sons.

Through an attorney, Spears on Wednesday renounced her friendship with former companion Sam Lutfi, who was a fixture through Spears' most turbulent period.

"Britney has made clear to everyone that she does not want to be further harassed or contacted in any way by Osama 'Sam' Lutfi, now or at anytime in the future," Spears' attorney Samuel D. Ingham III said Wednesday in a statement.

Ingham said the conservatorship gave James Spears adequate authority to keep Lutfi away, and that Britney Spears would take "appropriate legal action" if he tried to contact her. Spears' mother, Lynne, has accused Lutfi in court documents of taking over her daughter's life and finances and drugging her.

Lutfi declined comment, saying only that he and James Spears had reached an agreement that a temporary restraining order against him was no longer necessary. Lutfi had been made out to be a "tabloid villain" and is a "good guy," former spokesman Michael Sands wrote in an e-mail.

Near Spears nor her father appeared in court Thursday.

Professionally, Spears has shown signs of restarting her career this year, making two successful TV cameos and working on a new album this summer.

# LA officials set sights on limiting paparazzi

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—The paparazzi keep taking their shots, but not always the kind they're after. Lately it's a jab from a star's bodyguard - or his surfer pals - or the metallic pinch of handcuffs slapped on for lingering too long.

And more push-back may be coming.

Weary of the scrums of photographers chasing celebs at the airport, on the beach and through the streets, some Los Angeles-area leaders are contemplating tougher regulations against the people who make their living by catching celebrities off-guard.

Officials from celeb enclaves in and around Los Angeles such as Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, Malibu and Calabasas are convening Thursday for the first time to discuss ways to combat shutterbugs, whose tactics have grown more aggressive and confrontational in the past few years.

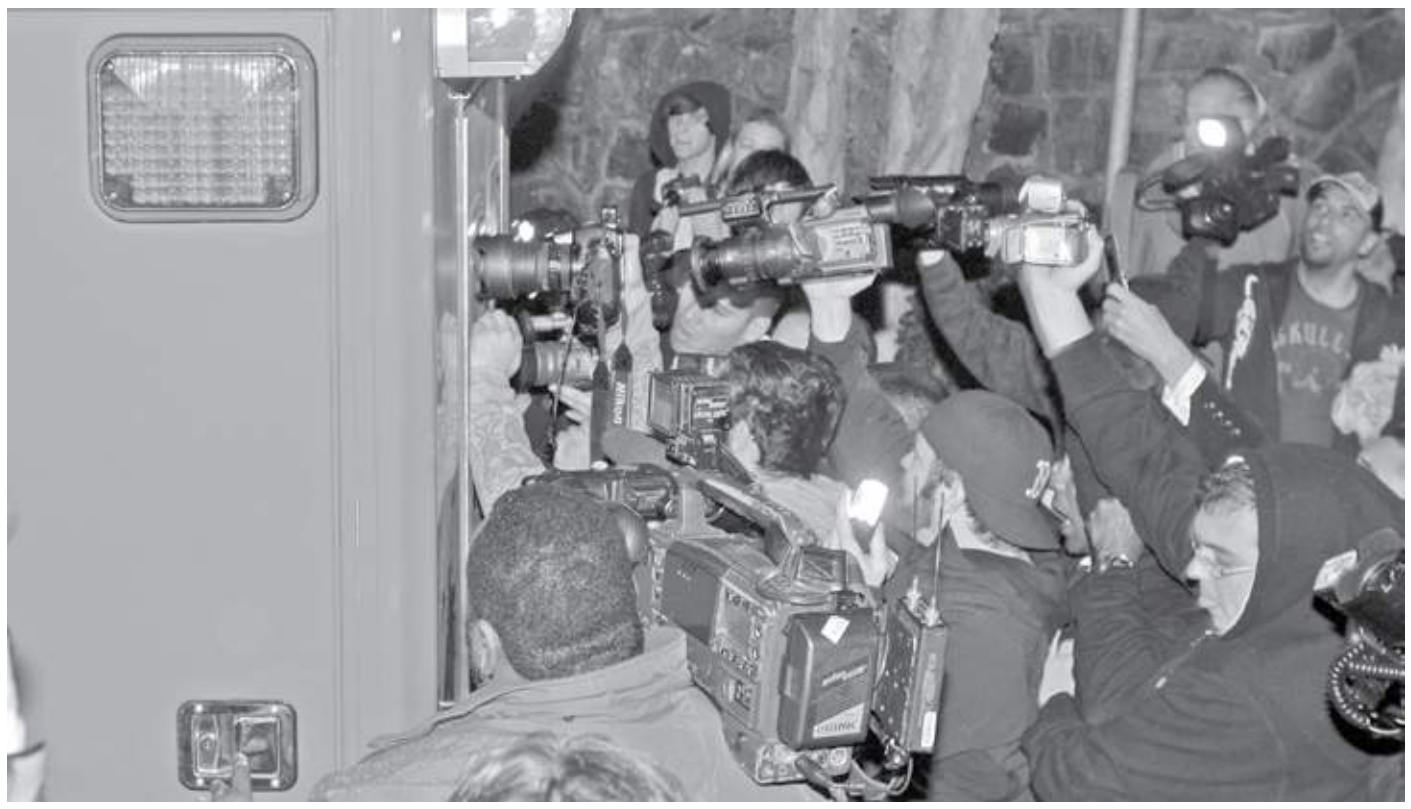
Their goal is for each city to adopt its own ordinances to punish aggressive paparazzi, while keeping the rules uniform in the places where celebrities live, work and play.

"This is a response to their lack of responsible behavior," said Los Angeles City Councilman Dennis Zine, an outspoken paparazzi critic and organizer of the task force.

Zine proposed a "personal safety zone" around celebs earlier this year that police officials said would be virtually unenforceable. He's also floated the idea of legitimizing the paparazzi—who are freelancers by definition—by giving them credentials, and in turn, clear rules.

The paparazzi have provided plenty of fodder for scrutiny of late.

Last week, Halle Berry said she's seeking criminal charges against photographers who she says trespassed in her backyard to get shots of the Oscar-winning actress and her four-month-daughter. The same day, guards for Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie got into a bloody tussle with a pair of camouflage-wearing paparazzi near the couple's home in France.



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Photographers try to photograph through the back window of a Los Angeles City Fire Department ambulance carrying entertainer Britney Spears, as it leaves her residence, in this Jan. 3, 2008, file photo in Los Angeles.

And in June, a group of Malibu surfers fought with photographers who were trying to get shots of Matthew McConaughey on the waves last month.

Photographers still routinely swarm Britney Spears, including at Los Angeles International Airport, where police in June had to break up the group to allow her to pass. And earlier this month, Los Angeles police said they warned a pair of shooters to leave a fire access road near Spears' house, then arrested them when they returned 45 minutes later to find them still lingering.

Zine and other civic leaders say they're concerned that left unchecked, the aggressive photographers will either drive away entertainers, or worse—harm them or an innocent bystander. A recent inquest partially blamed pursuing paparazzi for the 1997 deaths of British Princess Diana and her boyfriend Dodi Fayed in France, a scenario Zine and others say they hope to avoid in Los Angeles.

Malibu residents often complain about aggressive photographers, from high-speed car chases to photographers lurking outside schools or blocking store exits, said Mayor Pro Tem Pamela Conley Ulich, who is also a task force member. Some photographers have even mistaken a non-famous resident for a celebrity, creating confusion and fear.

Malibu already has strict guidelines for film shoots, and similar regulations may be necessary for photographers, she said. In other words, the paparazzi frequently are not gathering news, she said, but rather "creating entertainment."

For the paparazzi's part, Zine's idea of registration is one the shooters themselves have considered.

"Certify photographers to work as paparazzi," suggested Arnold Cousart, a co-founder of photo agency JFX Direct. That way, he said if they get into trouble, police will know who is legit and who isn't.

Cousart said he has considered compiling a handbook so fellow paparazzi know their rights and don't exceed them. But he predicted that any broad rules enacted by the task force would miss the mark.

"There is a better way," he said. "They just need to sit down with the proper folks."

As erratic and dangerous as the scrums appear to outsiders, some paparazzi lament the lost days of shooting celebs surreptitiously with telephoto lenses. They're now within arms-length of other shooters, and stars or their bodyguards.

During the June scramble at LAX, a photographer accused one of Spears' bodyguards of pushing his camera too hard into his face. Other photographers have accused actors Woody Harrelson and Pierce Brosnan of rough treatment in civil suits; both cases remain unresolved.

Zine said he wants to solicit input from the paparazzi, but the task force's likely roster is comprised mostly of law enforcement officials, prosecutors and politicians.

Los Angeles-area law enforcement officials so far have preferred to use existing laws—such as the loitering statute used to arrest the photographers near Spears' house—rather than endorse new regulations.

"As it stands today, the sheriff's department is confident and comfortable that the laws that exist provide enough to ensure the safety and security of residents," said Steve Whitmore, a spokesman for Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca.

Baca is expected to participate in the task force because he prefers to be involved in discussions about new regulations, Whitmore said.

He noted that enforcing current regulations can be difficult, as the Malibu surfer melee revealed: Despite numerous online videos of the altercation, Whitmore said neither the paparazzi nor anyone else has yet to present investigators with an unedited version that could reveal what really happened. No arrests have been made.

For their seemingly divergent interests, Zine and Cousart agree on one point: something has to change.

"It hasn't been the same since 2003," said Cousart, who said he would much rather shoot stars from a distance. But online video, which has become as lucrative as still pictures, requires close-ups of celebs and, in many cases, engaging them in unwanted conversations.

"If you don't, you're practically letting these guys take you over," he said.

Zine likened any likely solutions to enforcement measures that average citizens would understand.

"You can smoke, but you can't smoke in certain areas," the councilman said. "You can go 55 miles-per-hour, but you can't do it in a school zone. So we're not saying you can't take the picture."

# Verne Troyer sues ex-girlfriend seen in sex tape

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—The battle over a sex tape featuring Verne Troyer has reignited after that actor sued his ex-girlfriend for $20 million, claiming she allowed snippets of the tape to be released.

Troyer's lawsuit also claims that ex-girlfriend Ranae Shrider was abusive and inflicted emotional distress on the "Austin Powers" actor.

The new lawsuit comes roughly two weeks after Troyer settled with a porn distributor and broker and successfully blocked the release of the 50-minute tape of him and Shrider having sex. The new suit, filed Thursday in U.S. District Court, is an outgrowth of that original claim.

In late June, celebrity gossip site TMZ revealed that the tape existed and was being marketed. The site later disclosed in court documents that Shrider granted it permission to air portions of the tape.

Troyer originally claimed in court papers that the tape had been stolen. His lawsuit states that detail was included because Shrider tearfully told Troyer that she did not know how the tape became public and that it must have been taken from their home.

Shrider's attorney, Keith Davidson, said none of the defendants had been served with the lawsuit and attacked it for being leaked to celebrity gossip site TMZ before it was officially filed.

"The recently revealed lawsuit that was sheepishly leaked to the press by Troyer's attorney is an abomination of the legal process," Davidson wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

He claimed Troyer was being "vindictive, heartbroken" and is a "trivial celebrity" who filed the suit to keep his name in the limelight.

Troyer is best-known for his role as Mini Me in two of the "Austin Powers" movies. His current lawsuit claims that the dissemination of the tape is an invasion of privacy, misappropriation of his name, voice and likeness, and a copyright violation.

He is asking a federal judge to grant a temporary injunction, barring Shrider and others from trying to sell the tape. Troyer is also seeking the return or destruction of all copies of the video.

The lawsuit also names another woman, Holly Bannon, who Troyer's attorney claims is trying to broker the tape along with an attorney, Okorie Okorocha. Okorocha said he has never seen the tape and simply tried to negotiate a deal between Troyer and a client who has since dropped him.

In addition to seeking damages for the release of the tape, Troyer's new lawsuit also claims Shrider refused to move out of Troyer's home after their breakup, and at one point pinned him to a wall and broke a video camera.

The lawsuit concedes Troyer declined to press charges against Shrider after one incident in which he claimed she stole his medication.

Troyer's attorney, Ed McPherson, has said that the actor will pursue all possible legal action to keep the tape from being sold.

AP

Actor Vern Troyer poses on the press line at the Maxim X-Games Party in Los Angeles Thursday, July 31, 2008. The battle over a sex tape featuring Troyer has reignited after the actor filed suit Thursday against his ex-girlfriend for $20 million, claiming she allowed snippets of the tape to be released.

# LaBeouf lawyer asks for witnesses to accident

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Shia LaBeouf could have a long road before him as he recovers from the accident that crushed his hand, his lawyer says.

LaBeouf, 22, was injured in a late-night crash last Sunday in West Hollywood that flipped his truck. The "Indiana Jones" star was cited for drunken driving, but authorities have since said he was not at fault, and that the other driver apparently ran a red light.

Michael Norris, LaBeouf's attorney, said in a statement Friday LaBeouf underwent four hours of surgery. His left arm remains immobilized from the elbow down.

"He will need regular medical supervision until his doctors clear him to return to work," Norris said in the statement. "His doctors remain hopeful that he will fully recover, but due to extensive surgery and the nature of the injuries, there remains a substantial risk of both infection and other complications."

Photos posted on entertainment blogs Friday showed the actor wearing jeans, a ballcap and a T-shirt missing one sleeve as he smoked a cigarette outside the Los Angeles hospital where he has been recovering since the surgery. Bandages and a brace cover his left arm, leaving only his pinkie finger exposed.

AP

In this May 18, 2008 file photo, actor Shia LaBeouf arrives for the premiere of "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" during the 61st International film festival in Cannes, southern France.

LaBeouf has been filming the "Transformers" sequel, "Revenge of the Fallen." Director Michael Bay said the injury may be added to the script.

"His two fingers are pretty smashed, but we're figuring out a way to shoot around it, kind of write it into the story," Bay told "Access Hollywood" in an interview airing Friday.

Bay claimed his leading man was not drunk at the time of the crash and insisted that "that's gonna go away."

"He was drinking hours and hours before," Bay told the syndicated entertainment show.

LaBeouf's passenger in the accident was Isabel Lucas, a 23-year-old Australian actress who appears in the "Transformers" sequel. She was not injured.

Sheriff's officials have said they won't release the other driver's name until the official investigation is completed and a report is issued, which could take weeks.

LaBeouf's attorney said the actor has cooperated with police and that independent investigators "received information that suggests that the other driver may have been traveling upwards of 50 miles per hour, and that said driver may not have been looking forward at the time of the accident."

"We are very appreciative, again, of the patience that everyone has shown us, and of the many concerned citizens who have stepped forward to provide information regarding this collision," the statement continued, adding that anyone with information about the accident was urged to call Norris directly.

# Lohan fires back at police 'gay' remark

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Lindsay Lohan said Friday that police have no business getting involved in her personal life, a day after the police chief explained that the paparazzi were no longer an issue - in part because the 22-year-old actress had evidently "gone gay."

"Police, you shouldn't get involved in everyone else's business when it comes to their personal life. It's inappropriate," Lohan said in a video shot by paparazzi Friday and posted on TMZ.com. In the footage, Lohan and gal pal Samantha Ronson are trekking through the Los Angeles Airport on their way to catch a flight to Chicago.

The day before, Chief William Bratton said the paparazzi have become less of a problem thanks to Britney Spears, Paris Hilton and Lohan leading more moderate lifestyles.

"If you notice, since Britney started wearing clothes and behaving; Paris is out of town not bothering anybody anymore, thank God, and evidently, Lindsay Lohan has gone gay, we don't seem to have much of an issue," he told KNBC-TV.

Bratton was speaking about his refusal to participate in a meeting held by elected officials Thursday that was called to discuss new laws to curb problem paparazzi.

Lohan

He called Los Angeles City Councilman Dennis Zine's special session—which was attended by the likes of John Mayer, Eric Roberts and Milo Ventimiglia—"a complete waste of time."

Bratton later called a news conference outside police headquarters to clarify his position on the paparazzi. When asked about the Lohan remark—which followed months of tabloid speculation that Lohan and Ronson, a DJ, are dating - Bratton said his sister is gay and he is a proponent of gay rights.

## Lawyer: Tags on Snoop Dog pot-bust bus were good

**DALLAS** (AP)—A lawyer says a bus carrying hip-hop artist Snoop Dogg did not have expired tags in a stop that led to two people on board charged with marijuana possession.

Attorney Chris Lewis, who represents the two men charged with misdemeanor possession, told The Associated Press on Friday that he saw the bus and was in contact with the driver.

Lewis says he believes Snoop Dogg was asleep when Texas troopers Thursday pulled over the bus on Interstate 45 in Corsicana. DPS said the bus was examined for an expired registration sticker.

Ethan Calhoun, 27, and Kevin Barkey, 26, both of the Los Angeles area, were arrested, then later freed on $1,500 bond each.

Snoop Dogg, whose birth name is Cordozar Calvin Broadus Jr., was not arrested.

# Country star John Rich wants fans 'Raising McCain'

**RACINE, Wis.** (AP)—Country music star John Rich wants like-minded voters to join him in "Raising McCain."

The other half of the Nashville duo Big and Rich, the singer-songwriter has penned lyrics for a rock-infused anthem focused on the 5 1/2 years Republican presidential candidate John McCain spent as a prisoner of war in Vietnam and his refusal of an early release.

"He stayed strong, stayed extra long til they let all the other boys out. Now we've got a real man with an American plan, we're going to put him in the big White House," the song says. Its refrain: "We're all just raising McCain."

Rich planned to debut "Raising McCain" on Friday at the Country First concert in Panama City, Fla., with McCain on hand.

Rich, 34, has written best-selling songs for country artists, including Gretchen Wilson's "Redneck Woman" and Faith Hill's "Mississippi Girl."

In an interview, Rich said he hadn't been involved in politics before but got excited about the Arizona senator's campaign. He finished the song about a month ago and sent it to McCain's daughter Meghan, who sent it onto campaign officials.

"I wanted to offer him something that he didn't have, a rally song, one that really captures that maverick spirit," Rich said.

# Anita Baker, Joss Stone to salute Patti LaBelle

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—It takes at least half a dozen soulful songbirds to pay tribute to Patti LaBelle.

Anita Baker, Joss Stone, Jennifer Hudson, Dionne Warwick, Yolanda Adams and Fantasia are among the performers set to help honor LaBelle at the United Negro College Fund's "An Evening of Stars."

Brian McKnight and Wayne Brady are also slated to perform at the event, organizers announced Friday.

LaBelle, 64, will be recognized for her career achievements and longtime support of the educational organization. Previous UNCF honorees include Smokey Robinson, Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin, Quincy Jones and Lou Rawls.

The event, set for Sept. 13 at the Kodak Theater, is open to the public.

# Well-meaning friends offer too much temptation for overeater

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DearAbby

**DEAR ABBY**: I'm a 30-year-old woman who has battled compulsive eating and binge eating since my teens. (Yes, I still have a weight problem.) I see a counselor and am trying to find solutions that work for me.

My problem stems from well-meaning friends and family who try to send me home with leftovers when I visit them. Because I am single, they think I would like a home-cooked meal. I politely refuse these offerings, but my hosts keep insisting I take food until I give in just to avoid additional argument.

How can I convince them I can't take the offer without offending them or revealing my "problem"?

STUFFED IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR STUFFED: It's difficult for me to believe that family and close friends are completely unaware of a problem with which you have struggled since your teens. However, if that's the case, thank these loving saboteurs and tell them you have more than enough food at home and don't want to waste anything by having more than you can use. If that doesn't deter them, offer the food to a neighbor or someone who might need or enjoy it. But under no circumstances should you bring it into your house if it will trigger a binge.**

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**DEAR ABBY**: I am in my early 50s and have great difficulty driving at night. My daughter says my problem is a "lack of confidence." I say my problem is being unable to SEE.

One night I had to pick up my son outside city limits, and I was scared. I couldn't read the street signs and had difficulty telling how far out of town I was and how close to him I was getting. I didn't have my cell phone with me and couldn't call him.

To me, this vision problem at night could be just as dangerous as driving drunk. Would you please give me your opinion—is this all in my head?

GAIL IN TEXAS

**DEAR GAIL: Yes and no. Because your eyes are located in your head—on that score you are correct. However, your problem is your vision, not an overactive imagination.**

**The person to tell you exactly what is causing the problem with your night vision is an ophthalmologist—an M.D. who specializes in diagnosing and treating diseases of the eye. He or she can also tell you whether it is correctable or if you should refrain from driving after dark because driving blind is, indeed, as dangerous as driving drunk, and I don't recommend it.**

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**DEAR ABBY**: I have a close friend, "Janelle," who is 15. I'd like to spend time with her, but her parents are very strict. They don't allow Janelle to go anywhere without one of them. They let her hang out only with a few girls from their church.

I am neither a member of her church nor a girl, but I am also 15 and I'd like to be able to make plans with her. Is there a way I can convince her parents to let us see each other?

WISHING IN PEORIA, ARIZ.

**DEAR WISHING: When parents are as hyper-protective as Janelle's seem to be, there probably isn't. However, if you begin making friends with Janelle's friends, it's possible you can spend some time with ALL of them. It's just a thought.**

*Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*

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# Americans off to Shanghai, look ready for Beijing

**MACAU** (AP)—The Americans are headed for Shanghai. They look ready to go right to Beijing.

With Kobe Bryant defending the way he did last summer and Dwyane Wade soaring again, the U.S. Olympic basketball team has easily won its first three exhibition games.

Two more until they start to count.

"I think we're in pretty good shape defensively," forward Carmelo Anthony said. "Offensively we're tuning some things up. We've got two more games before the real deal starts."

Bryant harassed longtime U.S. nemesis Sarunas Jasikevicius into a miserable night and helped the Americans roll to a 120-84 victory over Lithuania on Friday night.

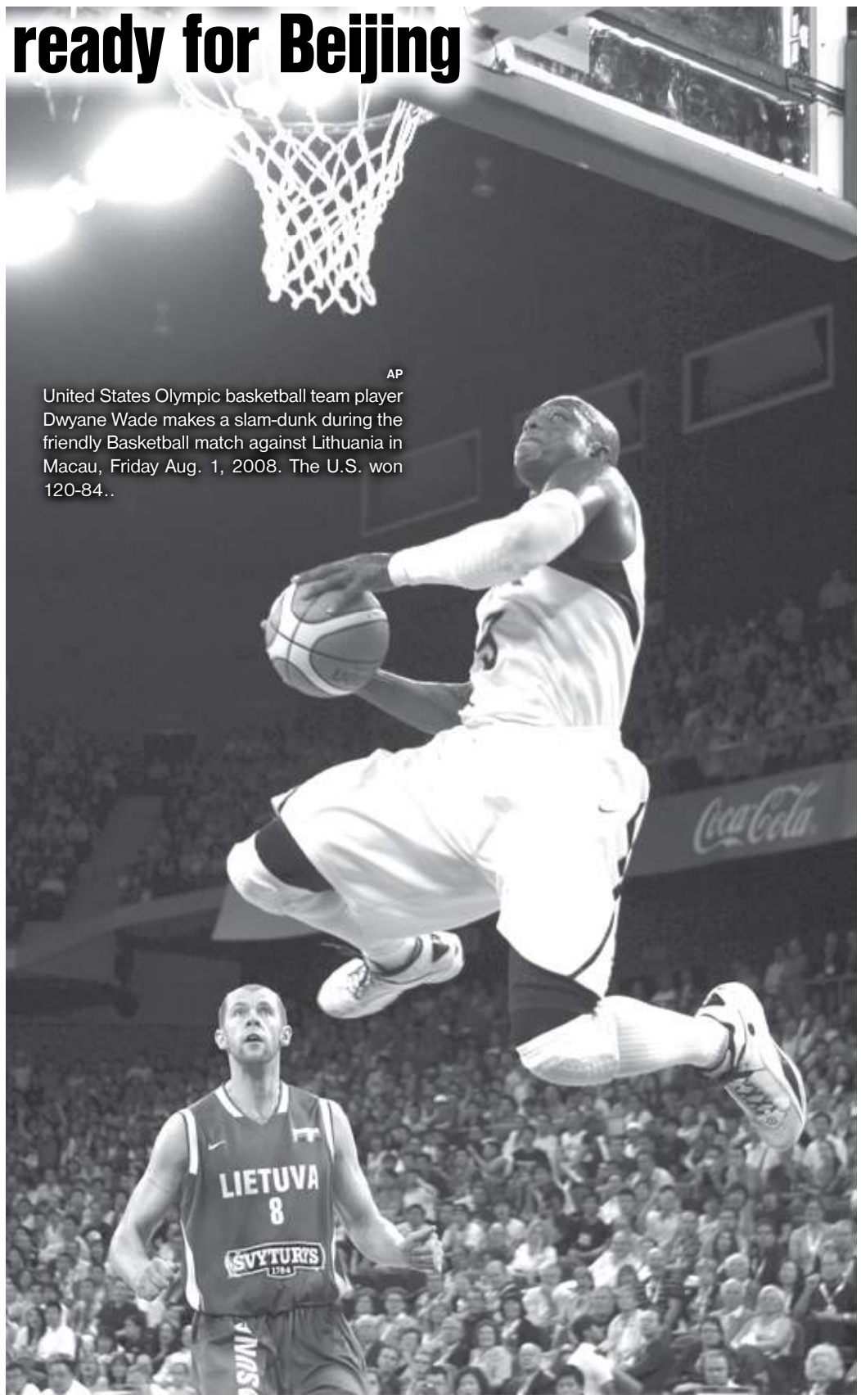
Jasikevicius was unstoppable in a win over the United States four years ago. So Bryant, who has made it a point to defend the opponent's best perimeter threat since joining the team last summer, blanketed him in the same manner as he did Phoenix guard Leandro Barbosa of Brazil in the Olympic qualifying tournament.

"Kobe's our best defender, hands down," forward Carlos Boozer said. "And Kobe takes on the challenge of guarding their best perimeter player regardless of who it is, regardless if he's a point guard, 2, 3, 4, whatever it is."

Wade scored 19 points, Dwight Howard had 17, and LeBron James 15 for the Americans, who raced to a big early lead, then pulled away again after Lithuania got within single digits early in the second half. Bryant finished with 13 points, nine during the big U.S. first quarter.

Wade scored 20 points last week against Canada in his first action since March, when the Miami Heat shut him down so he could rest his surgically repaired knee. He punctuated his 7-of-9 night by going high to catch an alley-oop pass from Chris Paul and double-pump before throwing down the dunk.

"He's back," Anthony said. "That's all I can say. He's back."



AP

United States Olympic basketball team player Dwyane Wade makes a slam-dunk during the friendly Basketball match against Lithuania in Macau, Friday Aug. 1, 2008. The U.S. won 120-84..

The Americans, who shot 64 percent, swept two games here and leave Saturday for Shanghai, where they will play European champion Russia and Australia. They are averaging 118 points in exhibition play.

Jasikevicius hit seven 3-pointers and scored 28 points in Lithuania's 94-90 victory over the United States during pool play four years ago, and apparently celebrated too much for one American's liking. So Bryant wasn't going to let that happen again.

"He had a great game against us a few years ago, the U.S.A, and was real brash about it," Bryant said. "So it's my responsibility to bring it to him.

"This is what I do," Bryant added. "I knew prior to it and they reminded me of it. So, sic the Doberman on him."

Jasikevicius was just 2-of-8 from the field for nine points, with three turnovers. Rimantas Kaukenas led Lithuania with 17 points.

The United States needed a quarter to warm up in its first two games, but was sharp right from the start this time. Howard had three consecutive baskets, James dunked twice, and the Americans were already up by double digits barely 2 1/2 minutes into the game. Minutes later, Bryant had two jumpers and a 3-pointer in a quick spurt that made it 24-5.

Howard had 10 points, and Bryant added nine in the first 10 minutes, with the Americans opening a 31-15 lead.

"We wanted to just set the tone defensively," Anthony said. "I think it started with Dwight early in the game. He got it going on the defensive end, which led over to the offensive end. Once he holds it down in the middle like that, we feed off of that."

Lithuania kept the deficit in the teens from there, then opened the second half with a flurry of 3-pointers to make it a game. Jasikevicius had a rare open look and hit the final one to cut the U.S. lead to 61-52 with 7:10 remaining in the third quarter, but the Americans immediately blew it open again.

Anthony, Howard and James combined for the next 12 U.S. points, everything coming from inside, to make it 73-55, and Lithuania was never close again. Every U.S. player scored.

The United States rebounded from its loss in 2004 to beat Lithuania for the bronze medal. Jasikevicius also nearly led Lithuania to a stunning victory four years earlier in Sydney, missing a 3-pointer in the closing seconds of a semifinal game as the Americans held on for an 85-83 win.

Bryant never gave him a chance to get going this time. The former Indiana and Golden State point guard found little room to dribble or shoot when Bryant was near him.

He missed both shots and had a turnover in the first quarter and was still frustrated long after Bryant had checked out for good, screaming at the referee after throwing up an air ball on a 3 with about 4 1/2 minutes left.

"Kobe locked him up. He got a couple of open shots throughout the course of the game, but when Kobe was on him, I don't think he scored," Boozer said. "I think he was actually a little tentative to shoot the ball when Kobe was on him."

Lithuania plays Turkey here Saturday and opens the Olympics against defending gold medalist Argentina on Aug. 10.

# Favre could get paid to stay off the field

**GREEN BAY, Wis.** (AP)—Brett Favre's reinstatement to the NFL was held up again Friday as the three-time MVP mulled getting paid not to play through a marketing deal with the Green Bay Packers that could resolve the standoff over his retirement.

The potential agreement, worth a reported $20 million over 10 years, might end Favre's bid to return just months after retiring. It also would likely keep him from reporting to Packers training camp and a team that is not planning to start him at quarterback for the first time since 1992.

After talking to Packers president and CEO Mark Murphy about the marketing deal Wednesday, Favre confirmed he was considering it to ESPN on Thursday.

Packers coach Mike McCarthy made it clear Friday that, from the team's perspective, the agreement would be more than a buyout to make an awkward situation go away. In fact, it's been in the works for months. He first heard about it at Favre's retirement news conference in March.

"I know Mark Murphy talked to me about it in the past, how important it was for Brett to continue to be part of the organization after he was done playing," McCarthy said after practice Friday morning. "And frankly, it's good for Brett. Brett needs to stay a part of football, Obviously, he's a part of the Green Bay Packers."

Meanwhile, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell sat on Favre's reinstatement letter for the fourth straight day, giving the two sides more time to resolve the situation.

"The commissioner will take no action today on Brett Favre's reinstatement request. Discussions are continuing between the Packers and Brett," league officials said in a statement issued by NFL spokesman Greg Aiello.

Despite Favre's tearful farewell to football, he now is considering a comeback.

The problem is that Green Bay hasn't been eager to bring him back, with Aaron Rodgers taking over the starter's role. The Packers also don't want to release Favre, suspecting he would immediately sign with division rival Minnesota.

The Packers hold Favre's rights until his current contract expires after the 2010 season.

Tensions have built between Favre and the team over the past several weeks. Earlier this week, Favre sent a letter to NFL commissioner Roger Goodell requesting to be reinstated from the team's reserve/retired list.

But Goodell has held off approving the request, hoping the two sides could resolve their differences. Murphy flew to Mississippi to meet with Favre and his agent, James "Bus" Cook, on Wednesday. That meeting apparently rekindled talks about the marketing agreement.

Favre said in a text message to ESPN reporter Ed Werder Thursday night that the marketing deal might be the best idea.

"There isn't a perfect solution to this, but Mark Murphy is at least trying," Favre told ESPN. "We know what they want and where I stand. His solution, although awkward and unsettling for most, may be the best in the end."

Packers linebacker A.J. Hawk chuckled at the thought of being paid $20 million not to play.

"You could hand me a billion dollars, and I'm still going to be on the field," Hawk said. "It doesn't matter to me. But everyone has different situations, has different views on money. Money is not more important than football to me right now."

But if the deal can't be worked out, Favre still could be reinstated and report to camp, presumably forcing the team to trade him or reconsider releasing him.

Cook told The Associated Press Thursday that Favre understands he would be walking into a media frenzy by showing up for camp, but he's willing to handle that it if that's the only way he can force his way back into football.

"He's prepared to deal with it," Cook said. "He's ready to go back, but he can't go back until the commissioner reinstates him."

McCarthy has said the team has a plan in place should Favre report to camp. He'd have to pass a physical exam and a conditioning test, then likely would be limited to individual drills at first.

"He's not a part of our 80-man roster right now," McCarthy said. "And if or when he is, we'll deal with that then. And I think our team has done a great job of just staying focused."

The Packers did not practice yesterday, but players did hear from a guest lecturer: former White House press secretary Ari Fleischer.

Fleischer's lecture on media relations was scheduled before the latest Favre controversy, but McCarthy said he took advantage of the opportunity to pick Fleischer's brain on how he might handle the team's current predicament.

McCarthy said Fleischer was "very encouraging" about the team's approach.

"As popular or unpopular as it is, for as tough or as difficult as it is, I think the organization has stood strong," McCarthy said. "They're decisive, and they're continuing to work through this. Everyone wants this resolved, don't get me wrong. No one thought it would get to this point, but this is where we are."

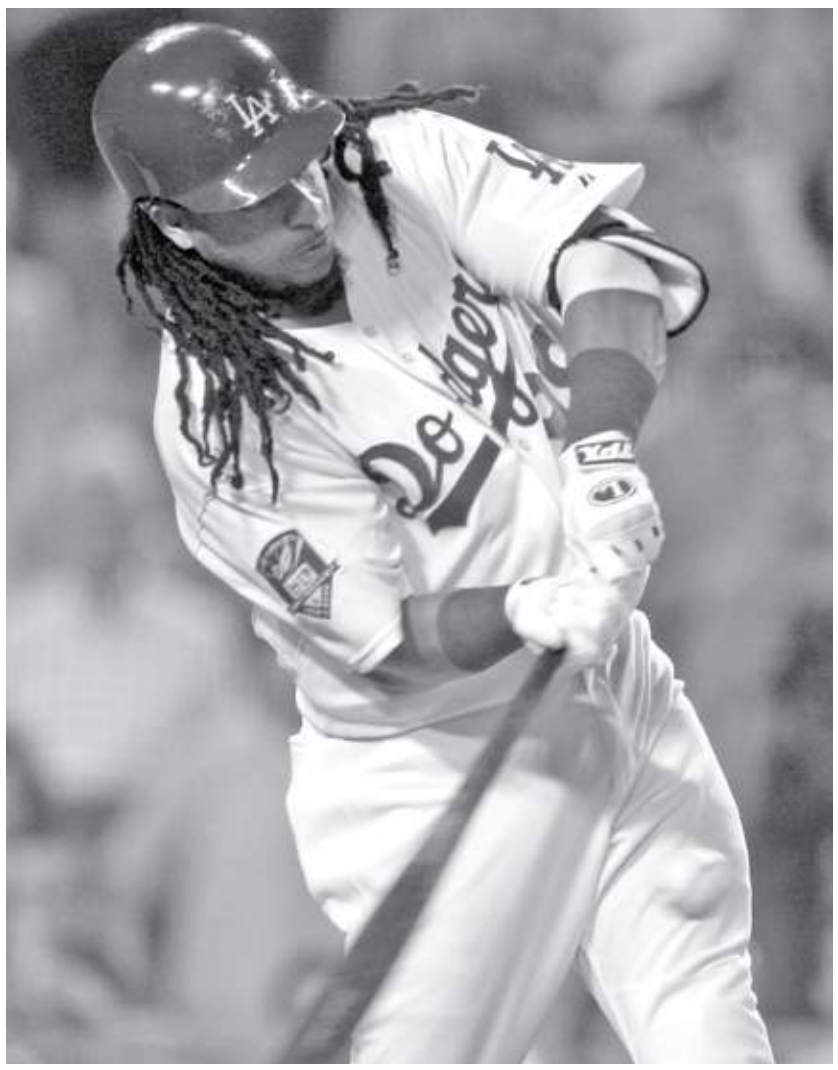
# Big Unit spoils Ramirez's Dodger debut

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Veteran pitcher Randy Johnson steered the Arizona Diamondbacks to a key 2-1 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers in the National League on Friday, ruining Manny Ramirez's debut with his new team.

Johnson claimed his fifthe straight win and 293rd of his career, allowing just one unearned run over six innings to set up a win that put Arizona three games clear of Los Angeles atop the NL West.

Ramirez, who was traded from Boston on Thursday, went 2-for-4 in his first game with the Dodgers. He grounded into a double play with a runner on and no outs in the ninth to all but end the home team's winning chances.

Johnson, a five-time Cy Young winner, struck out six to increase his career total to 4,723, second all-time behind Nolan Ryan.



AP

Los Angeles Dodgers' Manny Ramirez gets a base hit against the Arizona Diamondbacks during the fourth inning of a baseball game in Los Angeles, Friday, Aug. 1, 2008.

### Cardinals 6, Phillies 3

In St. Louis, the home team snapped Philadelphia's five-game winning streak.

Ryan Ludwick homered twice and had four hits, while Joe Mather added a three-run shot for St. Louis.

Ludwick homered with two outs in the fifth and led off the eighth with another long bomb. It was his third multihomer game this season and fifth in his career.

### Rockies 5, Marlins 2

In Miami, starting pitcher Ubaldo Jimenez allowed just two hits in seven shutout innings to guide Colorado past Florida.

Jimenez struck out 10 and kept Florida hitless until the fifth to record his fourth straight win.

### Brewers 9, Braves 0

In Atlanta, Milwaukee ended a five-game losing streak with an easy win over Atlanta.

Jeff Suppan pitched seven scoreless innings, and Mike Cameron and Prince Fielder hit third-inning home runs for Milwaukee.

The Brewers opened a six-game trip with their eighth straight road victory after losing five in a row at home.

Atlanta has lost six of seven.

### Pirates 3, Cubs 0

In Chicago, the home team's run of five straight wins came to an end at the hands of Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh starter Jeff Karstens threw six innings in his Pirates debut. Acquired last week in a trade, Karstens was one of three newcomers who led the Pirates. Andy LaRoche, obtained in the Manny Ramirez trade, singled and scored a run while Brandon Moss, who came from Boston, started one of Pittsburgh's four double plays.

### Astros 7, Mets 3

In Houston, pinch-hitter Mark Loretta hit a tie-breaking grand slam in the eighth to lift Houston over New York.

It was Loretta's second career grand slam.

The Mets loaded the bases with no outs in the seventh but didn't score as three different pitchers each got an out.

### Giants 3, Padres 2, 10 innings

In San Diego, pinch-hitter Eugenio Velez's double in the 10th inning drove in the go-ahead run as San Francisco edged San Diego.

With two outs and two strikes on the board, Velez got the vital hit. The Giants got into trouble in the bottom of the inning, loading the bases with one out, but a double play clinched the narrow victory.

### Nationals 5, Reds 2

In Washington, the home team snapped a nine-game losing streak by beating Cincinnati.

Odalis Perez pitched into the eighth inning to earn his first home win, allowing only one run in his longest start for three years.

All the Nationals' runs came in the first two innings.

### Angels 1, Yankees 0

In New York, the Los Angeles Angels won their fifth straight game in dramatic style, with a ninth-inning single enough to deliver a win over the New York Yankees.

Torii Hunter drove a pitch from New York's supreme closer Mariano Rivera up the middle to score the man from third base and further improve Los Angeles' record as the best team in the majors.

### Rays 5, Tigers 2

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Carlos Pena and Evan Longoria each hit solo homers as Tampa Bay downed Detroit.

The Rays' bullpen limited Detroit to one hit over the last 4 1-3 innings.

Pena's homer snapped a 2-2 tie in the sixth, was his fourth in eight games and briefly lifted him into a tie with Longoria for the team lead with 19.

### White Sox 4, Royals 2

In Kansas City, Missouri, Ken Griffey Jr. drove in two runs in his debut with Chicago as the White Sox downed Kansas City.

Griffey, a 38-year-old slugger who's battled injuries and struggled most of this season, made his first start since arriving from Cincinnati. Batting seventh for the first time since his rookie season in 1989, Griffey lined a two-out single up the middle for the game's first run.

Griffey came up with two outs and runners on the corners in the sixth, and punched a ball between first and second for a single that put Chicago up 2-0. Two hits moved him around the bases, leaving the score at 4-0.

### Twins 4, Indians 1

In Minneapolis, Joe Mauer's two-run homer in the seventh gave in-form Minnesota victory over Cleveland.

Mauer's seventh homer of the season broke a 1-1 tie and gave the Twins their sixth victory in seven games.

### Red Sox 2, Athletics 1

In Boston, Jason Bay made a smashing debut with Boston, tripling and scoring the winning run in the 12th inning as Boston edged Oakland.

Bay was obtained from Pittsburgh on Thursday in the three-team deal that sent slugger Manny Ramirez to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

He failed to put the ball in play in his first five at-bats—two walks, a hit by pitch and two strikeouts—before he came to the plate with two outs in the 12th. He hit the ball high off the wall in left and slid into third with a triple, and was later scored by a single that only just beat the throw to first that would have ended the inning.

### Rangers 9, Blue Jays 8

In Arlington, Texas, the home side rallied in the ninth inning to edge Toronto.

David Murphy's two-run single with one out in the bottom of the ninth capped Texas' three-run rally.

Toronto had gone ahead 7-6 in the top of the ninth.

### Orioles 10, Mariners 5

In Seattle, Baltimore gave up five runs in the ninth inning but still recorded a comfortable win over Seattle.

Baltimore starter Garrett Olson pitched eight scoreless innings before running into trouble in the ninth.

# Singh takes a one-shot lead over Mickelson

**AKRON, Ohio** (AP)—Without the world's No. 1 player around, Vijay Singh and Phil Mickelson brought some star power Friday to the final World Golf Championship of the year.

Singh twice escaped from the trees on his closing holes at Firestone and renewed his affair with a belly putter on his way to a 4-under 66 at the Bridgestone Invitational, putting his name atop the leaderboard for the first time in more than four months.

He was one shot ahead of Mickelson, who made another great escape at the end of the second round, this time holing a 20-foot par putt to finish off a 66 that put him in the final group with Singh.

Both have three majors—two Masters and a PGA for Mickelson, two PGAs and a Masters for Singh—along with some history. They got into a heated argument during a rain delay at Augusta National over the length of Mickelson's metal spikes. A year later when they played two rounds together in Phoenix, Singh asked that Mickelson's driver be tested to make sure it was legal.

Both have more pressing concerns this week, mainly getting their games back in order with the PGA Championship looming.

"I'm going to go out there and play my heart out and try to shoot as low as I can, and not really be concerned about what Phil does," said Singh, who was at 7-under 133. "He's going to be focused on his game. I just hope we both have a good day."

Sean O'Hair, seeing immediate results from switching to a new swing coach, had a 67 and joined the group at 5-under 135 that included Lee Westwood (65), former Masters champion Zach Johnson (68) and Peter Lonard (66).

Sixteen players were within four shots of the lead.

"It's anybody's ball game," said Hunter Mahan, who had a 66 and was at 3-under 137.

It helps that Tiger Woods isn't at Firestone, particularly since he is a six-time champion on this course and had never finished out of the top five in his 10 appearances.

"To me, him not being here is the difference between 39th and 38th," Lonard said with a laugh.

Singh was the last player other than Woods to be No. 1 in the world, a 32-week reign in 2004-05. But he now is 45, coping with nagging injuries and a victory drought on the PGA Tour that has lasted 18 months and caused him to fall to No. 15 in the world ranking.

The culprit? He blames his putter.

Singh got so fed up with his conventional putter when he missed the cut at the British Open that he went back to the belly putter during a week of practice and swears he will stick with it.

"I'm not a great putter, but I'm not a bad putter," Singh said. "The British Open was the turning point, where I played really well and putted really badly, and decided that's it. I'm not a good putter with a short putter. I've decided that I'm going to putt with the belly. If you see me with a short one, that means that something is wrong with me."

The only thing wrong on a balmy Friday at Firestone was his driver, although it didn't hurt him too badly. One day after missing only one fairway, Singh was in the short grass six times in the second round, and needed to work his shots around the tree-lined fairways on the sixth and eighth holes at the end of his round to avoid dropping shots.

"I don't know what happened," he said. "When I hit the ball, it just didn't go straight today."

Mickelson hit his share of errant shots, mostly on his approach to the greens. He found a bunker on No. 8 that he couldn't get close enough to save par, and was headed in the same direction on his final hole at No. 9, hitting into the left bunker and blasting out weakly to 20 feet. But he made it to save par, going into the weekend with some momentum.

"I didn't want to bogey the last two," Mickelson said. "And I also had been hitting a lot of good putts, and I made a bunch today. I made some good ones. To see balls rolling in now, I'm starting to gain a little bit more confidence, a little bit more momentum."

Mickelson has been relatively quiet the last few months, although not as AWOL as Singh. The world's No. 2 player has won twice this year, the last one at Colonial in May when he used one of his five wedges to hit out and over the trees and onto the green to win a playoff.

He didn't use any drivers the first two rounds of the U.S. Open, which cost him. And he couldn't make a putt at the British Open, where he again was never a factor. Mickelson is pouring everything into the final two months of the season, especially the PGA Championship next week at Oakland Hills, and he likes the direction he is going.

"I remember when I won the Masters in '06, I had a great week the week before," he said. "So I would prefer that."

But there was plenty of golf left at Firestone, and loads of possibilities. Twenty-eight players remained under par, a big difference from last year when Woods was the only player to break par and won by eight.

Rory Sabbatini, who had a one-shot lead going into the last round a year ago, shot 67 and was in the group at 4-under 136 that included Stewart Cink (68), one of two players who have won this WGC event at Firestone during Woods' reign.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tampa Bay | 64 | 44 | .593 | _ |
| Boston | 62 | 48 | .564 | 3 |
| New York | 59 | 50 | .541 | 5 1/2 |
| Toronto | 54 | 55 | .495 | 10 1/2 |
| Baltimore | 52 | 56 | .481 | 12 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 61 | 47 | .565 | _ |
| Minnesota | 61 | 48 | .560 | 1/2 |
| Detroit | 55 | 54 | .505 | 6 1/2 |
| Kansas City | 50 | 60 | .455 | 12 |
| Cleveland | 47 | 61 | .435 | 14 |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles | 69 | 40 | .633 | _ |
| Texas | 57 | 53 | .518 | 12 1/2 |
| Oakland | 53 | 55 | .491 | 15 1/2 |
| Seattle | 41 | 68 | .376 | 28 |

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia | 59 | 50 | .541 | _ |
| New York | 58 | 51 | .532 | 1 |
| Florida | 58 | 52 | .527 | 1 1/2 |
| Atlanta | 50 | 59 | .459 | 9 |
| Washington | 39 | 70 | .358 | 20 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 65 | 45 | .591 | _ |
| Milwaukee | 61 | 49 | .555 | 4 |
| St. Louis | 62 | 50 | .554 | 4 |
| Houston | 51 | 57 | .472 | 13 |
| Pittsburgh | 51 | 58 | .468 | 13 1/2 |
| Cincinnati | 51 | 59 | .464 | 14 |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arizona | 57 | 52 | .523 | _ |
| Los Angeles | 54 | 55 | .495 | 3 |
| Colorado | 50 | 61 | .450 | 8 |
| San Francisco | 45 | 63 | .417 | 11 1/2 |
| San Diego | 42 | 68 | .382 | 15 1/2 |

**Yesterday's Games**

Pittsburgh 3, Chicago Cubs 0
Colorado 5, Florida 2
Milwaukee 9, Atlanta 0
Washington 5, Cincinnati 2
Houston 7, N.Y. Mets 3
St. Louis 6, Philadelphia 3
San Francisco 3, San Diego 2, 10 innings
Arizona 2, L.A. Dodgers 1
Boston 2, Oakland 1, 12 innings
L.A. Angels 1, N.Y. Yankees 0
Tampa Bay 5, Detroit 2
Texas 9, Toronto 8
Minnesota 4, Cleveland 1
Chicago White Sox 4, Kansas City 2
Baltimore 10, Seattle 5

### BRIDGESTONE INVITATIONAL SCORES

AKRON, Ohio (AP)—Scores Friday from the World Golf Championships Bridgestone Invitational, a US$8 million (€5.1 million) PGA Tour event on the 7,400-yard, par-70 South Course at Firestone Country Club:

**SECOND ROUND**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Vijay Singh | 67-66 | 133 |
| Phil Mickelson | 68-66 | 134 |
| Sean O'Hair | 68-67 | 135 |
| Peter Lonard | 69-66 | 135 |
| Zach Johnson | 67-68 | 135 |
| Lee Westwood | 70-65 | 135 |
| Stuart Appleby | 70-66 | 136 |
| Miguel A. Jimenez | 70-66 | 136 |
| D.J. Trahan | 69-67 | 136 |
| Rory Sabbatini | 69-67 | 136 |
| Stewart Cink | 68-68 | 136 |
| Paul McGinley | 70-67 | 137 |
| Steve Stricker | 68-69 | 137 |
| Jim Furyk | 68-69 | 137 |
| Hunter Mahan | 71-66 | 137 |
| Retief Goosen | 66-71 | 137 |
| J.B. Holmes | 69-68 | 137 |
| Robert Karlsson | 71-67 | 138 |
| Chris DiMarco | 68-70 | 138 |
| Charles Howell III | 68-70 | 138 |
| Ian Poulter | 70-68 | 138 |
| Tim Clark | 67-71 | 138 |
| Nick O'Hern | 70-68 | 138 |
| Justin Leonard | 68-70 | 138 |
| Geoff Ogilvy | 71-67 | 138 |
| Trevor Immelman | 75-64 | 139 |
| Chad Campbell | 68-71 | 139 |
| Vaughn Taylor | 72-67 | 139 |
| Rod Pampling | 69-71 | 140 |
| Steve Webster | 68-72 | 140 |
| K.J. Choi | 73-67 | 140 |
| Oliver Wilson | 71-69 | 140 |
| Stephen Ames | 69-71 | 140 |
| Steve Flesch | 70-70 | 140 |
| Woody Austin | 71-70 | 141 |
| Graeme McDowell | 70-71 | 141 |
| Paul Casey | 70-71 | 141 |
| Scott Verplank | 71-70 | 141 |
| Darren Clarke | 70-71 | 141 |
| Sergio Garcia | 69-72 | 141 |
| Daniel Chopra | 67-74 | 141 |
| Robert Allenby | 71-70 | 141 |
| Justin Rose | 71-70 | 141 |
| Rocco Mediate | 68-73 | 141 |
| Fredrik Jacobson | 71-71 | 142 |
| Ross Fisher | 69-73 | 142 |
| J.J. Henry | 69-73 | 142 |
| Niclas Fasth | 71-71 | 142 |
| Steve Lowery | 75-67 | 142 |
| Brendan Jones | 69-73 | 142 |
| Chez Reavie | 68-74 | 142 |
| Scott Strange | 68-74 | 142 |
| Henrik Stenson | 73-70 | 143 |
| Ernie Els | 69-74 | 143 |
| Kenny Perry | 74-69 | 143 |
| Prayad Marksaeng | 70-73 | 143 |
| Anthony Kim | 71-72 | 143 |
| Colin Montgomerie | 72-71 | 143 |
| David Toms | 72-72 | 144 |
| Brandt Snedeker | 68-76 | 144 |
| Richard Finch | 69-75 | 144 |
| Andres Romero | 73-71 | 144 |
| Padraig Harrington | 69-75 | 144 |
| Johnson Wagner | 70-74 | 144 |
| Boo Weekley | 72-73 | 145 |
| Angel Cabrera | 72-73 | 145 |
| Lucas Glover | 70-75 | 145 |
| David Howell | 70-75 | 145 |
| Brett Rumford | 75-70 | 145 |
| James Kingston | 73-72 | 145 |
| Adam Scott | 69-76 | 145 |
| Craig Parry | 70-75 | 145 |
| Richard Green | 72-73 | 145 |
| Pablo Larrazabal | 72-75 | 147 |
| Nick Dougherty | 72-76 | 148 |
| Aaron Baddeley | 79-69 | 148 |
| Hidemasa Hoshino | 75-73 | 148 |
| Soren Hansen | 75-73 | 148 |
| Martin Kaymer | 72-79 | 151 |
| Mark Brown | 80-75 | 155 |

*By The Associated Press*

# Torrent of 3s send Air21 to finals

**MANILA, Philippines**—The long wait to do the Last Dance for the Air21 Express is over.

Coach Bo Perasol and his troops did the job for the Bert Lina Group franchise, fighting back from a 15-point deficit and pouncing on the badly stunned Magnolia side at endgame for a 99-91 win Friday that sent them to the 2008 PBA Fiesta Conference finale.

"Words can't describe what we feel right now. It's deeper than being happy," said Perasol, his voice cracking, after the Express eased out the Beverage Masters to gain the right to challenge the Barangay Ginebra Kings for the crown.

Air21 gatecrashed the anticipated Magnolia-Ginebra party, finally landing the place it had been dreaming of since its entry to the league in 2002.

Game One of the Air21-Ginebra finale is Wednesday at the Araneta Coliseum.

"It's very, very fulfilling although we still have the championship series to play. We should not be satisfied with being in the finals. We reached the finals to win it," said Perasol, succeeding on where previous Air21 coaches Derrick Pumaren, Bonnie Garcia, Joe Lipa and Bong Ramos failed.

Perasol said he likes their chances again Ginebra although they're like up against the world playing the league crowd darling.

"I'm very positive we would have a good match-up with them man-for-man but not fan-for-fan. It could well be like Air21 versus the Philippines and it's a very big factor. I will bet on my team if it's a close-door match," said Perasol.

Gary David, Ranidel de Ocampo and Egay Billones played key roles as the Express delivered the killer blow on the Beverage Masters in Game Six of their best-of-seven showdown.

The Express were still down by eight, 73-81, with less than eight minutes left to play when David, De Ocampo and Billones teamed up in a sudden and crucial 19-2 attack to turn the tide in their favor.

The Beverage Masters failed to recover after falling behind by nine at 83-92, blowing their bid for what could have been a fourth title playoff with the Kings.

**Air21 99** – Santos 24, David 20, De Ocampo 17, Thomas 9, Se 9, Billones 8, Arboleda 5, Intal 3, Canaleta 3, Espinas 1, Kramer 0, Cruz 0.

**Magnolia 91** – Racela 14, Seigle 14, Tugade 13, Ildefonso 11, McCaskill 10, Hontiveros 9, Pena 7, Pingris 6, Cortez 4, Villanueva 3, Bono 0.

**Quarterscores:** 18-29, 40-49, 66-74, 99-91. ***(www.pba.com.ph)***

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Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino Inter-Departmental Basketball League were runner-up Casino Titans, third place F&B Service, and fourth place F&B Chefs.

Finance/Shipping center Michael Torregosa was also adjudged MVP of the 2008 season. He was a pillar of strength all throughout the season for the 2008 champions and punctuated his MVP performance by scoring 34 points as Finance/Shipping held on to the series-clinching win in Game 3.

Torregosa was joined in the Mythical Five by F&B Service teammates Noel Sabordo and Charlie Fernandez, Leo Pascua of Security Department, and Casino Titan's 6'3" center Ringo Reyes.

Reyes incidentally also ran away with the 2008 Rookie of the Year plum. Teammate Elias Camero Jr., meanwhile, was named the Most Improved Player of the 2008 season.

Ramirez paced Casino Titans in their Game 3 loss with 28 markers, while Reyes muscled his way for 27 points.

Other individual awards had Rooms' sultan of swipe Gabby Cajayon take home the Best in Steals plum, Jerry Ventulan of TAGA/Housing Department win the Defensive Player award, and Pascua named as the 3-point King.

Aside from being hailed the MVP, Torregosa also won the sportsmanship award for players, which only befits his "Cool Guy" moniker. For the sportsmanship award for team, Security Department got the nod.

Security Department's Johnny Ancheta, Nino Neypes, Jesus Sabugo, and Keith Canalita, meanwhile, were also awarded their hardware for topping the side event 3-on-3 tournament.

## NMBF

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in the under-18 age group saw Daniel Macario and Glida Ogarro fashion out a 21-14, 21-17 victory over John Capuyon and Armalene Cabreros; Mark Noel Puno and Erica Ann Palacios beat Manatsu Omori and Mikky Vargas; 21-14, 21-17; and Louie Cielo and Jenine Savellano outlast Mike Vargas and Christine Cristobal, 21-17, 17-21, 21-17.

In the semifinals, Pauline Cielo and Cristobal faced off against Louie Cielo and Savellano and advanced to the championship round following a hard-earned 23-21, 21-12 win.

Macario and Ogarro, meanwhile, took care of business in the other half of the Final Four after taking out Puno and Palacios, 21-11, 21-19.

In the game for all the marbles, Pauline Cielo and Cristobal edged out Macario and Ogarro in a score of 23-21, 21-12.

Ezekiel Macario and Vicena, for their part, advanced from the opening round with a 21-12, 18-21, 21-13 win over Jylan Capuyon and Paula Gozon.

The only other first round match in the under-12 division then had Kanata Omori and Camille Limon edge Rodwealth Espana and Bea Arcilla, 24-22, 24-22.

In the finals, Ezekiel Macario and Vicena got the better of Omori and Limon, 21-9, 21-13, to hoist the championship of their age group.

The champions of the 18-under and 11-under divisions each won for themselves new badminton racquets from the NMBF as well as one month free training from the fledgling group's instructors.

The Junior Badminton Tournament was the concluding event of NMBF's three-week youth summer clinic.

## ON FAVRE

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to be bronzed, then why would you care if he winds up with the Vikings or Bears? If you don't want Favre, why would you care who he plays for in the limited time he has left?

Because the Packers want it both ways, like every NFL team in history. Thompson thinks being an NFL team executive gives him the inalienable right to be able to tell players what to do for the rest of their natural lives. "I don't want you to play for me, but I'll do my best to prevent you from playing for anybody else." That's the NFL way.

And because the NFL is the unchallenged sports/entertainment leader in America, most of the general public—even in Wisconsin—most folks in the media and most fans nationally think the poor Packers are somehow being put upon. This is yet another case of the NFL flexing its unequalled sense of entitlement and arrogance.

Thompson, who comes off looking like a sniveling twit in staking out his position, reportedly told Favre he would perhaps be fired if Favre showed up at Packers training camp. (That alone should be enough to make Favre fire up the jet and get up to Wisconsin.)

Don't get me wrong, Favre isn't an innocent in all this. I've had Favre fatigue for some time when it comes to "will he or won't he?"

Favre has been disingenuously hinting at retirement for what, three or four years? This last March wasn't the first time the Packers' brass had talks with Favre about his plans for the next season. They put up with the back and forth because even after his bad seasons, Favre was the best quarterback the Packers have ever had. He nearly got the Packers to the Super Bowl in February, remember. Presuming they settle this dispute before feelings become permanently hurt, a statue of Favre surely will be erected in front of Lambeau Field someday.

So, it's not like the Packers pressured Favre to retire. Had he said in March he wanted to still play, chances are he'd be in training camp now, instead of officially asking NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell to reinstate him with the Packers, as Favre did in writing Tuesday. It was Favre, remember, who held the teary press conference to announce his farewell. It was Favre who said his wife and kids wanted him to call it quits after all these years. So, it was totally understandable that the Packers, having invested a first-round draft pick in Rodgers four years ago, wanted to get Rodgers ready to start the post-Favre era.

So they started that process and they don't want to turn their back on Rodgers. Good. Keep him atop the depth chart. Stand by your man. You told him he's your guy. Prove it. Keep your word. Stick with him. Tell Favre to get lost and trade him. Get a second-round pick in next year's draft, somebody who can help Rodgers be great, a young lineman or a receiver. Do whatever you have to do to assist the quarterback you believe is your best bet to win.

But don't tell me that in doing that you need to control what Brett Favre does next. If you want Favre, put him in a uniform and tell Rodgers the two of them will compete for a job. If you don't want Favre, let him go. If the Packers choose to try and play both ends, then one can only hope the circus surrounding the team brings the whole season crashing down. Usually when an NFL team squirms it's a good thing, because it's usually brought on by its own greed or need to exert total control.

Because NFL teams are so powerful, especially in a tiny place like Green Bay, and because they're so able and smart about manipulating public opinion, they'll probably get away with successfully painting Favre as the bad guy in this episode. And if Favre thinks the Packers will ultimately cut him and thereby grant him the freedom to cut a deal with any team (the Vikings and/or Bears included), the bet here is he'll be wrong.

Who knows where this is going next. Here's hoping Favre shows up for training camp sometime this week and heads to his locker. What are the Packers doing to do, have guards block his path to the dressing room?

The best way for Favre to get what he wants is to be as confrontational as the Packers, to get right in their faces and say with both actions and words, "I'm here. Play me, trade me, or suffer the consequences."

## BSML

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The SML Fall League organizational meeting will be held this Monday, Aug. 4, 12pm at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium conference room.

Rogolifoi earlier said the details of the meeting will include kick-off date, ground rules, uniforms, and other matters.

The SML Fall League is tentatively scheduled to open in late August or early September of this year.

A developmental program, the 2008 SML Fall League will again play host to players ages 25 and under. This year marks the ninth season the program has been in existence since it was first inaugurated in 1999.

As in previous years, the SML requires players to submit proof of eligibility documents such as birth certificates, passports, and driver's license. In addition, copies of insurance policy or card must accompany these documents.

Rogolifoi said this is important because it ensures players are fully covered by their individual health and life insurance in case of injury during league play.

Returning players are not required to provide eligibility documents since they are on record. However, all players, including returnees, must have some type of insurance coverage in order to play. Players without insurance coverage are asked to contact the SML to make arrangements.

The league's entry fee, in the amount of $800, should be made payable to Saipan Major League and is due on Aug. 22, 2008. A 25-man team roster is due prior to opening of the league. Teams are encouraged to start securing sponsors that would provide for the teams' necessities such as the entry fee and uniforms.

Waiver forms will be provided to all teams on Monday. Managers and coaches and other interested teams are asked to bring all pertinent documents to the aforementioned meeting.

For more information about the 2008 SML Fall League, contact league Rogolifoi at 288-3515.

**Big Unit spoils Ramirez's Dodger debut**

Veteran pitcher Randy Johnson steered the Arizona Diamondbacks to a key 2-1 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers in the National League on Friday, ruining Manny Ramirez's debut with his new team. 26

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**Americans off to Shanghai, look ready for Beijing**

The Americans are headed for Shanghai. They look ready to go right to Beijing.

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# Long wait ends for Finance/Shipping

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## Tinian caging top performers honored

The top teams and players of the 7th Annual Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino Inter-Departmental Basketball League were feted during the competition's awards banquet last July 24.

Finance/Shipping players were handed their championship trophy and individual medals after outlasting Casino Titans in a best-of-three series that went the distance and concluded moments before the awards ceremony.

The team rallied from a 14-point deficit in the second half of Game 3 to nip Casino Titans, 102-100.

Tinian Casino actually drew first blood in the race-to-two final series by beating Finance/Shipping, 91-71, in Game 1. Finance/Shipping, however, took Game 2 with a 75-63 win to force the third and deciding match.

It was Finance/Shipping's first championship in eight years.

Also getting trophies from organizers of the 7th Annual

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Finance/Shipping players and supporters proudly display their championship trophy and individual medals after winning the 7th Annual Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino Inter-Departmental Basketball League last July 24 at the TDHC staff housing basketball court.

# NMBF holds tourney for youth campers

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A tournament was held for participants of the Northern Marianas Badminton Federation's youth summer clinic more than three weeks ago at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Dubbed simply as Junior Badminton Tournament, the competition saw the doubles team of Pauline Cielo and Crystalline Cristobal emerge as champions of the under-18 age group, while Ezekiel Macario and Christine Vicena were the top performers in the under-11 age group.

Cielo and Cristobal started strong by beating Luis Camacho and Lawrence Camacho in the opening round, 21-13, 21-8, to move into the second round.

Other opening round results

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The champions and runners-up of Northern Marianas Badminton Federation's Junior Badminton Tournament pose with their new badminton racquets and certificates of completion after the end of the competition last July 11 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Participants of Northern Marianas Badminton Federation's youth summer clinic show off their certificates of completion following the end of the three-week clinic last July 11 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

# BSML awardees to be discussed after Fall meeting

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While tomorrow's 2008 SML Fall League organizational meeting will generally talk about the 25-and-under competition, coordinator Tony Rogolifoi is also requesting coaches and managers of the current 2008 Budweiser Saipan Major League to drop by after the *tete-a-tete*.

The NMASA Hall of Famer explained that after the SML Fall League meeting is finished, he will convene coaches and managers of the 2008 BSML to decide who will be this season's Rookie of the Year, Best Catcher, Best Pitcher, Coach of the Year, Manager of the Year, Sportsmanship Awardee, and most valuable player.

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# On Favre, Packers can't have it both ways

Please don't shed any tears for the Green Bay Packers. Don't fall for this nonsense they're spinning that Brett Favre is threatening to make their lives so unbearably miserable by ending his brief retirement.

Don't believe for a minute that the Packers will be better off without Favre, that Favre is now a villainous figure, unfairly poaching what rightfully belongs to new quarterback Aaron Rodgers, or that the team needs days or perhaps even weeks to figure out what in the world to do.

Don't buy any of what the Green Bay executives and coaches are selling, because there's no dilemma at all for the Packers.

Since the Packers have made it clear, both publicly and to Favre in direct conversation, that they no longer want him as their starter, there's a simple solution here: trade him or cut him. It doesn't matter that anybody in his right mind knows Favre, even at 38 years old, is 100 times better than Rodgers. If Coach Mike McCarthy and his staff want Rodgers, fine. Start him. Play him until his arm falls off. The Packers' GM, Ted Thompson, and McCarthy have been telling people it's Rodgers' time to play, that they promised him the job in March and it would be unfair to him now to yank the rug from under him, blah, blah, blah.

Fine, if Rodgers is as much your guy as you claim publicly, then dump Favre.

If you don't want Favre, if you think he's washed up and ready

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